



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22 February, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Richard Webber (RW), Louise Lewis (LL); Anne Jamieson (AJ), Katherine Ives (KI), Rachell Fox (RF), Peter Jacobs (PJ), Peter Walton (PW), Martin Adeney (MA), Ian Henghes (IH), Siri Zanelli (SZ), Iain Brewester IB)

1. **Apologies:** Steve Kennard, Cllr Scott Emery, Chanel Noel, Francis Wilkinson, Andrea Horth
2. **Minutes of meeting on Tues 6 December 2022** were approved **MMK to send AH for website**
3. **Matters arising:**
 - AP went to see TSB about our account and found they still had Neil Perkins' address. **ACTION: IB to talk to Neil about changing address. Then AP to organise online banking.**
 - AP to chase Cllr Nick da Costa re Police and Licencing papers + designating Highgate as a Town Centre
 - MMK reported no response from Alex Fraser on Street Tree Replacement project
 - SZ reported progress on Natural Play Area in Parkland Walk. Friends of PW on board now.
 - RW reported Interpretation Boards saga now at 12 months and 70 emails
 - IB now has costed options for permanent Pink Plaques – a shorter word count will be needed for new version. **ACTION: need to check on issues with affixing to listed walls**
 - AP and William Britain (HS) to talk to Omved re situation with vehicles coming in and out of Townsend Yard.



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4. **Chair's Report (AP)**

- Festival team (3 from HNF Committee + Dartmouth Park NF + others) organising this year's events from **10-18 June** – inviting people to propose their own events for inclusion. PW organising a showing of Hornsey Historical Society films of Highgate. Small eco fair on 17th. Deadline for printed and online programme 27 April.
- HNF has a Fair in the Square (**June 10**) stall booked

5. **Meeting with Camden and Haringey Policy Planning Teams** MMK spoke to tabled notes:

- If we want to update NP, we have to go through full Consultation, Examination and Referendum process. If anyone in Highgate wishes to undertake re-writing, they should contact HNF as it can only be done through Forum.
- Both Councils welcome our involvement with policies of Emerging Local Plan (Haringey) and beginning of this process in Camden. Follow up meetings on biodiversity and natural environment policies in the pipeline.
- CIL spending more or less suspended currently as Haringey too busy with Local Plan to assess bids and Camden has spent money in pot.

6. **Re-designation of HNF** (last redesignation application tabled) + discussion of future of Forum: a short discussion agreed it was worth re-designating the Forum. **ACTION: All to send MMK their addresses and local memberships + their views on what the HNF has achieved and might achieve in the future.** MMK will stand down as Secretary after AGM + AP may no longer wish to be chair. **Everyone to encourage new people to stand for Committee + MMK to write to Affiliated Organisations to ask them to nominate someone.**

7. Updates from Councillors – none present. **AP to write to councillors to ensure one from each Council attends committee meetings.**

8. **Bio-diversity Brainstorm 22 April 2023** (AP MMK) – 2 hour session in Lux Conservatory as part of Waterlow Park Earth Day celebrations to look how we can make our gardens, balconies and allotments more wildlife friendly + how to build wildlife corridors between our green spaces. LL offered to help with this.



9. **AGM: 15 May, 2023** – Dep Mayor Joanne McCartney (our London AM) has accepted our invitation to speak on Addressing the Climate Emergency. *Sian Berry has responded since the meeting to also accept. MMK to liaise with both re timing and subject matter.*
10. **Traffic and Transport update** (notes tabled)
 - MMK reported on conversation with Peter Fletcher from TfL re Wellington Gyratory – he agreed gyratories were on the way out but no money allocated to Wellington at this point.
 - Zoom meeting with Cllr Anna Wright and William Britain re 271 space/High Street improvements – Camden waiting to hear from TfL on adoption of 271 land. Then there should be an onsite meeting with Camden officials and Cllr AW to discuss short term cheap measures for the space + long term more ambitious ideas for remodelling whole area. **ACTION: AP to write short blog for website about current situation and calling for people’s ideas for the site.**
11. **Russian frozen assets** RW reported on meeting with local Ukrainian woman who updated us on who owns which building. Joint letter from HS and HNF has gone to Camden in an attempt to get them to address the issue of these important buildings falling into disrepair.
12. **Archway Campus development proposal** (pdf tabled) brief discussion on the overly tall tower proposed + suggestions that it might also be distracting us from the over density of the scheme.
13. **Business report:** IB had heard that the Rose and Crown had been sold on. In the meantime, it’s a pity about the boarded up shopfront – apparently necessary because squatters had taken it over.
14. **Social and Community** AJ reported that Coffee and Computers had picked up. RF reported on Channing’s monthly Communitéas. **AJ and RF to talk**
15. AOB:



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- Coronation celebrations in Highgate – group who organized Jubilee Tea are working on this
- Funding Highgate Hitlist – **IH to talk to Helen Rapley about alternatives to Mailchimp. RW and AJ to discuss digital exclusion.**
- IH reported that there would shortly be a consultation on views in Waterlow Park.

16. Date of next meeting: **Monday 24 April, 2023**