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## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

**Held at 6A Church Road, N6 4QT on Monday 24 April, 2023**

**Present:** Andrea Horth (AH), Rachell Fox (RF), Katherine Ives (KI), Peter Walton, Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Francis Wilkinson (FW), Richard Webber (RW), Peter Jacobs, Martin Adeney and via Zoom: Anne Jamieson (AJ), Siri Zanelli (SZ), Ian Henghes (IH), Louise Lewis LL), Chanel Noel (CN)

### MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Iain Brewester, Stephen Kennard, Cllr Sian Berry
2. **Minutes** from meeting of Wed 22 February 2023 approved. **MMK to send to AH**
3. **Matters arising from minutes:**
  - **AP to chase online banking**
  - **FW to prompt Police on** cross Borough working
  - Our CIL-funded replacement street trees have at last been planted
  - Parkland Walk Natural Play Area (also CIL funded) should be delivered this Spring – **SZ chasing for news**
  - No response from makers on permanent Pink Plaques – **MMK to send costing email to KI, RW, RF and FW + prompt makers**
  - Biodiversity Brainstorm on 22 April a success – inspiring talks, much networking and more to follow.
4. **Omved and Townsend Yard:** Omved Gardens will not allow their land to be used for turning vehicles. FW explained the Highgate Society was leading on the campaign to reduce the number of houses in the Townsend Yard development to allow fire access to Shepherd's Cottage, Omved Gardens and the new houses. Principality building society (who have funded the development) have been informed that – **although the development has Planning Permission – it doesn't have**



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Building Permission. Meetings are going on between the developers and SALUS (the approved building inspectors) who currently can't give Building Permission. Meantime, the developers continue to work fast on site and the longer that continues, the more risk to Haringey of being sued by the developers if they rescind Planning Permission.

5. **AGM – May 15 at 7pm.** Joanne McCartney and Sian Berry confirmed as speakers – **MMK to ask them to speak at beginning of meeting.** Lauderdale House providing AV equipment. AP to prepare Treasurer's Report based on last year's.
6. **Nominations for next Committee:** we have had 3 new nominations – **MMK to send last year's nomination paras to Committee for everyone to respond whether they wish to stand again.**
7. **Re-designation of HNF** – application tabled and approved. Now in hands of Councils for consultation and processing.
8. **Social and Community:** AJ went to Channing Community and was impressed. **Lady Gould's Charity:** being asked to administer and endorse applications – committee agreed it was something we should do but do we have the capacity? **LL to talk to Jane Hill and report back to next meeting.**
9. **271 space ideas** AP tabled some initial ideas for planters and sitting areas by local young architects and Wood That Works was doing a mock-up of these. Food stalls may be added and an Interpretation Board. A useful discussion with the Highgate Society agreed the concepts + consultation with local traders positive. The idea is to have something temporary to stop traffic using the area, with the long term ambition to create a foothold into looking at the whole Pond Square/High Street area. AP has written to Camden Cllrs and officers who are negotiating with TfL on the plans. Cllrs have found £20,000 in CIL monies to fund and hopefully something will go up right after Fair in the Square. Meeting agreed a **vote of thanks to AP** for her persistence on this.
10. **Highgate School Developments:** AP reported that Gail Waldman was doing an enormous amount of work on this. All the local groups will share information on this but send in their own submissions.



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Discussion followed on the impact on Highgate as a community followed – anyone who wishes to comment on this should send notes to AP. In addition, **MMK to write to the School** via CN in connection with their membership of our Biodiversity Network on the effect of the proposals on vital ecological corridors.

11. **Archway Campus development** proposal meeting notes tabled.
12. **AOB:**
  - **Highgate Hitlist:** IH has been looking at how the Highgate Calendar could generate a fortnightly newsletter. However, this would be different from Hitlist as Helen Rapley went out and found events. Would need a group of volunteers to run.
  - RW asked AP to chase up Camden on his letter re **Russian buildings**
  - RW to write to Camden councillors re its **supervision of contractors during roadworks** – diversion signs often left up long after work finished.
  - KI raised **Lauderdale House's new free booklet for kids 5-9 yrs** – a trail round Waterlow Park. Funds needed for next print run.