

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

At Alicia Pivaro's home, and on Zoom

6.30pm, Tuesday 11 July 2023

Present: Alicia Pivaro (Chair AP); Maggy Meade-King (MMK); Marianne Larios (ML); Francis Wilkinson (FW); Don Grubin (DG); Dan Stranescu (DS); Natasha Walter (NW), Siri Zanelli (SZ)

Minutes

1. Apologies: Rachell Fox, Katherine Ives, Peter Jacobs, Anne Jamieson, Louise Lewis, Richard Webber

2. Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 24 April 2023 tabled and approved.

Matters arising:

The deadline for the redesignation consultation has now passed.

No update on the Highgate Hitlist, which was much loved and has now closed, as nobody is ready to take it on.

3. Chair's Report tabled

4. Appointment of officers

Chair: Alicia Pivaro proposed by MMK, seconded by NW, and passed.

Deputy Chair: MMK prop0sed by AP, seconded by DS, and passed.

Secretary: Natasha Walter proposed by MMK, seconded by FW, and passed.

Treasurer: Iain Brewster in absentia proposed by AP, seconded by MMK ACTION: AP to contact Iain to check and take forward.

Webmaster: With Andrea stepping away from this role, there is need for someone to take responsibility for the website. ML offered to assist with this.

ACTION: MMK to set up a meeting with Andrea and ML + AP and MMK to attend as back ups

5. Updates from Councillors

None had sent apologies and none were present.

ACTION: MMK to contact councillors with dates of next meetings and some update of what is coming up for HNF, to try to bring them back into meetings.

6. Introductions from committee members

As we had a number of new members at this meeting (ML, DG, NW), all those present introduced themselves, their relationship to Highgate and their work with the forum.

7. Haringey Local Plan consultations

MMK explained that Helen Evans ,(HE) (Senior Planning Policy Officer) who is leading on the creation of the Haringey Local Plan for the West of the Borough + the climate change policies has been in touch with HNF regarding setting up a meeting to discuss how to take forward placemaking for Highgate. She had previously briefed us on the proposed Climate Change policies.

The formal consultation on the HLP will start in the autumn so this is a great opportunity for HNF to influence this at an early stage.



Some discussion ensued to explain to new members the relationship between the council's local plans and the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan. If changes are to be made in the future to the Highgate Plan, it is best that this takes place once the Haringey and Camden Local Plans are finalised as we have to be in conformity with these. Any updating of our Plan would entail full Consultation (by ourselves and the Councils), negotiation with the Councils, Independent Exmanination and Referendum. There are no grants available to aid us in the process.

Agreement that Highgate Society and CAAC should be enabled to feed in their priorities regarding planning to this meeting.

ACTION: MMK to set meeting time with Helen Evans for mid August, and to invite other members of the committee, and David Richmond from HS and Gail Waldman from Highgate CAAC, to attend in person or on Zoom.

Also some discussion of the fact that CIL funding is currently paused but should re-open once Haringey Planners have produced their draft Local Plan – MMK and AP to ask HE what the timetable is for the Local Plan and CIL bids.

ACTION: AP to include priorities for CIL funding in agenda items for future HNF meetings.

AOB:

Highgate School:

FW updated that Highgate School will be holding workshops in Oct/Nov with a professional facilitator with experts on both sides and those with concerns can discuss, with a view to enabling the school to produce improved plans. The workshops will have specific themes.

ACTION: dates of workshops to be shared by FW/AP

Licensing and policing:

FW updated that after communication from him, Camden has improved its information sharing on licensing applications, so that one can register to receive local applications. He is hoping to get Haringey to do the same.

FW updated that there are concerns regarding the separate policing teams for the separate sides of Highgate High Street and that there are ongoing conversations going on to try to encourage the teams to communicate more effectively.

Waste consultation:

NLWA has started a strategy consultation. ACTION: MMK to share in newsletter

Growing Green letter to Camden Council:

The local group GG is writing to Camden Council, following a meeting with the relevant officer, to ask for better protection of biodiversity and improved communication between residents and the council on the practices of the grounds contractors. They have asked for HNF support. Agreement that this can be given. ACTION: NW to let GG know that HNF can support. MMK suggested the letter also to be shared with Greg Hitchcock (Camden Nature Conservation Officer)

Visit Highgate boards

ML asked why Hillcrest Estate seemed to be omitted from these boards. ACTION: AP to put ML in touch with Richard Webber who has worked on these.

Dates of next meetings: 26 September, 6 December

ACTION: NW to circulate these immediately to the committee.