

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum

8 March 2017

The Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum (the “**Forum**”) was held on 8 March 2017, at Burgh House, New End. Approximately 50 persons attended.

Janine Griffis (JG), the chair of the Forum and of the AGM, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes from the last AGM

JG noted that the minutes of last year's AGM (3 March 2016) had been posted on the Forum's website and was available for review at the meeting. Upon a motion that was duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the last AGM was approved by a show of hands.

2. Approval of Accounts

Stuart Flude, the Forum's Treasurer, gave a presentation of the Forum's income and expenditures during the past year. Upon a motion duly proposed and seconded, the accounts were approved by a show of hands.

3. Election of the Committee

JG noted that there were 14 nominees for places on the Forum's Committee, for election for the 15 available slots, and that the names and brief biographies of the nominees had been circulated with the notice of the AGM and posted on the Forum's website. As there were a fewer number of nominees as available slots, JG suggested that the 14 nominees be considered for election en bloc. Upon a motion that was duly proposed and seconded, the 14 nominees were elected by a show of hands.

The elected Committee, plus ex officio members, consists of the following individuals:

David Castle
Linda Chung
Stuart Flude
Oliver Froment
Caroline Goldsack
Janine Griffis
Vicki Harding
Andrew Haslam-Jones
Alex Nicoll
Sowmya Parthasarathy
Nicola Sinclair
Stephen Taylor
Ben van Bruggen
Clyde Whittaker

Ex officio members:

Cllr Siobhan Baillie (Frognaal & Fitzjohns)
Cllr Theo Blackwell (Gospel Oak)

Cllr Marcus Boyland (Gospel Oak)
Cllr Oliver Cooper (Hampstead Town)
Cllr Tom Currie (Hampstead Town)
Cllr Lorraine Revah (Gospel Oak)
Cllr Stephen Stark (Hampstead Town)

3. Community Investment Levy

JG presented a summary of the Forum's activities relating to the Community Investment Levy. She noted the projects that had been approved for funding in 2016, and that the Forum had conducted a public consultation meeting (January 2017) relating to potential future projects. The results of the consultation had been shared with Council members as part of their deliberations for future CIL funding.

5. Assets of Community Value

JG summarised those pubs and other facilities that had been granted status as Assets of Community Value. She thanked John Graham and other volunteers who had been actively working on the ACV projects.

6. Conservation Area Review

JG gave a brief overview of the Forum's activities in updating the Hampstead Conservation Area Statement. Oliver Cooper presented an update on the Council's process in completing the review.

7. Plan Update

JG gave a brief update on the preparation of the Forum's Plan. She summarised the Plan drafting process to date: an initial creation of a vision document followed by public consultations to formulate specific policies, assembling evidence to support each proposed policy, and then detailed drafting of policies and supporting statements. The Committee had worked on the draft Plan in conjunction with Camden's planning officers, outside consultants and other interested neighbourhood groups. It was necessary that the Plan added value to existing planning policies, based on local circumstances, rather than just repeating Camden's local plan.

The draft Plan consisted of six parts, as to which JG highlighted particular points of interest (which is not an exhaustive list of items covered by the Plan):

- a. Design and Heritage – in part, the Plan tries to take a fresh look at Hampstead in creating design and heritage policies in light of "character statements" describing the particular characteristics of each part of Hampstead.
- b. Natural Environment – among other things, the Plan identifies 15 local green spaces for special protection.
- c. Basements – the Plan tries to tailor policies to the particular conditions in Hampstead, such as geology and hydrology.
- d. Traffic & Transport – the Plan addresses several traffic concerns that were raised repeatedly in public consultations.
- e. Local Economy – the Plan tries to implement policies to maintain a mix of shops and businesses; to protect first floor spaces for business use rather than conversion into residential; and to provide detailed design policies for shopfronts.

- f. Community – the Plan attempts to resist the loss of public facilities, setting out a list of facilities warranting protection; to support a mix of housing (including affordable housing); and to promote enhanced permeability among buildings

JG outlined the next steps for the Plan, including a schedule public consultation on the draft Plan, a review by Council planning officers, a second consultation on the draft Plan, an examination by an independent examiner, finally ending with a referendum on the final Plan.

8. Q & A

There were several questions raised by members from the floor. These included questions relating to schools, the Conservation Area Statement, permeability, basement policies and street furniture.

9. AOB

There not being any other business, the meeting was ended.