

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 6 January 2016, 6:30 pm

Attending:

Janine Griffis (JG)
Vicki Harding (VH)
Stephen Taylor (ST)
Sowmya Parthasarathy (SP)
Ben van Bruggen (BvB)
Alex Nicoll (AN)
Linda Chung (LC)

Also Attending:

Peter Kohl (PK)
Oliver Froment

Apologies:

Councillor Siobhan Baillie
Councillor Theo Blackwell
Councillor Maeve McCormack
Councillor Lorraine Revah
Councillor Oliver Cooper
Councillor Tom Currie
Councillor Stephen Stark
David Castle
Stuart Flude
Fiona Reeve (FR)
Andrew Haslem-Jones
Bob Buhr
Melissa Remus Elliot
Jeremy Wootliff
Eileen Nielson

Location: Roebuck, Pond Street

1. Minutes of Last Meeting; Matters Arising

The minutes of the last Committee meeting, held on 4 November 2015, were approved with one amendment suggested by LC: to clarify that it was possible for residents to provide comments to Camden Council relating to the proposed sale of 24a Heath Street.

In matters arising, JG noted that there were now three pubs (the Wells, the Horseshoe and the Bull and Bush) that are scheduled for applications to be designation as community assets.

ST said that the results were due soon from the pollution evidence study that had been conducted in December, and that it was planned to do another study at another time when local schools were not in session.

JG also noted that the workshop on accessibility, held in December, had been well attended and that several good suggestions had been made at the event.

JG mentioned that the Forum had received a further grant instalment of £1696.

2. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee discussed various elements of the draft Plan, including photos, maps and the schedule and process for completing the respective sections of the draft Plan. JG noted that the schedule called for a submission of the draft to Camden Council and the Forum's consultants in mid-January, with a target of presenting a draft of the Plan to members at the AGM in March.

SP and BvB noted that the Hampstead conservation area statement would address certain particular sites, and they suggested that it therefore would not be necessary for the Plan also to include specific guidelines for these sites. They pointed out that an SEA review could be avoided if specific guidelines were not included.

AN discussed the character statements that were being included in the Hampstead conservation area statement and the similar character statements to be included in the Plan. BvB suggested that it was not necessary that the Plan and conservation area statement be identical in this regard.

3. Role of Forum

The Committee discussed its role in commenting on specific planning applications and in participating in particular projects. After discussion, the Committee agreed that it should refrain from commenting on specific planning applications until the draft Plan was further developed and that the Forum's remit should be limited to land use and planning matters.

4. AOB

OF noted a few issues and policies regarding basement developments that had been included in the Highgate neighbourhood plan, which may also be applicable to the Forum's Plan. He also requested Committee members to forward to him any information that they might come across regarding any damage that may have been caused by basement developments in the Forum area.

5. Dates of future meetings

Wednesday, 3 February 2016
Thursday 3 March 2016 (AGM)
Wednesday, 4 May 2016
Wednesday, 8 June 2016
Wednesday, 6 July 2016
Wednesday, 7 September 2016
Wednesday, 5 October 2016
Wednesday, 2 November 2016