

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 8 June 2016, 6:30 pm

Attending:

Janine Griffis (JG)
Vicki Harding (VH)
Stepen Taylor (ST)
Stuart Flude (SF)
Andrew Haslem-Jones (AH-J)
Alex Nicoll (AN)
Sowmya Parthasarathy (SP)
Clyde Whittaker (CW)

Also Attending:

Apologies:

Councillor Siobhan Baillie
Councillor Theo Blackwell
Councillor Maeve McCormack
Councillor Lorraine Revah
Councillor Oliver Cooper
Councillor Tom Currie
Councillor Stephen Stark
David Castle
Andrew Lavery
Nicola Sinclair
Linda Chung
Melissa Remus Elliot
Ben van Bruggen

Location: 14 Denning Road

1. Minutes of Last Meeting; Matters Arising

The minutes of the last committee meeting, held on 4 May 2016, were approved. It was noted on the Assets of Community Value List, that JG would follow up with Jonathan Bergmann on the Peace Garden in South End Green and CW would contact the Observatory.

In matters arising, JG noted that a view of Fenton House had been added to the Conservation Area Statement.

2. Draft plan; Update on grant application (CW); Work for committee, deadlines

JG reported that a £5,000 grant had been awarded to the forum, to be held by Camden Borough Council (CBC) as before. CW would fill out the forms. Did he have all the information and documents that he needed? There might be a need for a Health and Safety Policy and a Data Protection Policy. ST said there was no need to register with the Information Commissioner's Office since although Nationbuilder held data outside the EEA, it had an exemption. SF said the policy needed to say that the data would not be sold. As for Health and Safety, at events a "competent person" should carry out risk assessments at events.

JG reported that the entire grant would be used to pay Fortismere to review the local plan which would take 8 days of work. In particular Fortismere would review the basement policy in depth, the housing policy (seen as weak), all of the policy language and the evidence base. It was asked if they needed more information, such as access to the Dropbox folder. The aim was to get the plan in a shape to send to Camden and have ready for consultation by the autumn.

CW said he had researched getting support in kind from Aecom. The consultation statement could be reviewed by Aecom.

JG reported that there were £3,000 left in grant money that could be applied for. VH asked if wondered if this could be used to coordinate bat studies with RedFrog. Further work was needed on various parts of the plan: maps, basement evidence, appendices, etc.

AN would prepare the Consultation Statement by mid-July.

Beefing up the Traffic Section was discussed, e.g. wording: avoid saying that traffic needs to be calmed and say instead that if a development causes traffic issues, the developer must invest in traffic-calming and demonstrate how that is to be done. JG, ST, Richard Price and CW will meet to look at this. Limiting the size of delivery lorries and the environmental (pollution) impact of developments was also discussed.

3. Conservation Area Review (AN, JG); Update

The Conservation Area guidelines would be reviewed and updated by the end of this week. The "Pressures and Issues" section needed to be looked at, particularly with regard to basements built in the last five years and buildings at risk.

4. CIL report (AN); Meeting held on 20 May

Cllr Stark, NS, CW, JG and AN would have a working group meeting before the end of July. It was time to narrow the focus to Burgh House, Keats House Library and Oriel Place Gardens. Juliette Sonabend would take the lead on Oriel Place Gardens. There were 2 years in which to spend the CIL. Henderson Court could have contributions from several wards.

CIL expenditure is the responsibility of councillors but consultation was needed and the forum had provided a consultation process. Cllr Stark was looking after the heritage bins project. The next CIL subgroup meeting would be on 23rd June.

5. Communications (ST, AN); Data protection policy; Update for members?

News would be updated on the plan, the CIL and ACVs in July. Updates happened every 4 months with the last one being in March.

6. Other matters; ACV update (JG); Hampstead Parish Council proposal

The proposal of a Hampstead Parish Council was discussed. The main purpose appeared to be a neighbourhood plan but the forum had already been designated for that. A parish council could make recommendations re. planning proposals but the Heath & Hampstead Society could already do that.

7. AOB

i. AHJ had agreed to sit on the Heath & Hampstead Society's Town sub-committee to coordinate with the forum.

ii. VH brought up the development in Branch Hill. The development was in the Conservation Area. Councillor Siobhan Baillie had discussed with officers who could not comment but there were rumours of a gated community. There was a consultation in progress. The building was not listed in the conservation area statement but it "makes a positive contribution". There was talk of resurfacing Heysham Lane and access to the playground.

iii. The future activity of the forum post-referendum was discussed.

iv. ST mentioned a plan to carry out a further pollution survey in the summer school holidays.

8. Dates of future meetings

Wednesday, 6 July 2016

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Wednesday, 2 November 2016