

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Attending: Janine Griffis (JG), chair
Linda Chung (LC)
Oliver Froment (OF)
Andrew Haslam-Jones (AHJ)
Vicki Harding (VH)
Alex Nicoll (AN)
Clyde Whittaker (CW)

Apologies: Councillor Marcus Boyland
Councillor Oliver Cooper
Councillor Maria Higson
Councillor Jenny Mulholland
Councillor Henry Newman
Councillor Andrew Parkinson
Councillor Lorraine Revah
Councillor Gio Spinella
Councillor Stephen Stark
Tom Brent
David Castle
Caroline Goldsack
Nicola Sinclair
Stephen Taylor

Location: 14 Denning Road

1. Minutes of previous meeting (18 July 2018)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
There were no matters arising.

2. Finance

Methods of funding the small running costs of the Forum in future years were discussed. The costs were mostly: website registration, AGM, and miscellaneous printing. They amounted to less than £500 per year. There were several options. It was felt that the best way would be to receive private voluntary donations from residents. For these, a bank account would be set up, and a donation form created with the account's details. CW reported that arrangements were in hand for Camden to reimburse JG for her expenses during the referendum campaign.

3. Planning review/comment process

JG reported that she had been reviewing planning applications during the summer and had submitted comments to Camden on several. (These are all in a shared Dropbox folder.) It was open to committee members similarly to make comments. Camden has already made some decisions that specifically refer to the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. Some

committee members would be attending a working group meeting on the proposed Queen Mary's development.

4. Communications/website

AN proposed to revamp and simplify the Forum website. Sections that had become outdated would be deleted. There would be two main pages: the home page to define the Forum's role (with a branding statement such as 'Safeguarding Hampstead's Future'), with links to relevant documents including the Plan and related documents, including the evidence base; and a 'Hampstead Planning Watch' page which would simply record the Forum's recent comments on planning applications, with links to the comments and to the planning applications on Camden's website. It would also record the outcomes. Older comments would be relegated to subsidiary pages. In this way the Forum and others could keep track of implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Special treatment could be given to especially large or important developments. This proposal was agreed. JG set a target of October 8. It was agreed that an email update should not be sent to members until the pages were live, so that it could include links to the pages.

5. Report on other Neighbourhood Forums/London Plan

OF reported on meetings with other bodies following his proposal at the last meeting. In particular he described the comments of the chair of the Church Row forum on the draft London Plan. OF was concerned that the London Plan could weaken the force of Conservation areas and of Neighbourhood Plans. There was discussion about the potential impact. OF said he would circulate the comments.

6. CIL update

This was deferred to a future meeting.

7. Meeting with Alex Bushnell of Camden

Has not yet taken place.

6. Any other business

CW noted that unfortunately he could not attend a meeting with TfL on local transport, and wondered if Caroline Goldsack could do so.

JG reported that the RedFrog forum wanted our support for signs it was proposing in its area to show the location of underground rivers. This was agreed.

CW noted ideas to reopen Haverstock Hill station in Gospel Oak (at Lismore Circus, closed in 1916) and that this would help to revive the area. (It is on the Thameslink line and is outside the Forum area).

7. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th November.**

Tentative dates for meetings in 2019 are as follows:

8 Jan 2019
March AGM TBA
7 May 2019
9 July 2019
10 Sept 2019
5 Nov 2019