

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum

18 March 2019

The Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum (the “**Forum**”) was held on 18 March 2019, at Burgh House, New End Square. Approximately 40 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

Janine Griffis (JG) noted that the minutes of last year's AGM (12 March 2018) had been posted on the Forum's website and were available for review at the meeting. Upon a motion that was duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the last AGM were approved by a show of hands.

2. Approval of Accounts

Clyde Whittaker, 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 proposed that the proposed slate of nominees for the committee be elected as a single slate. The motion was lost on a show of hands. A discussion took place about whether it was appropriate for the BID to have a representative on the Forum Committee. JG stated that Marcos Gold had been nominated in accordance with the constitution and suggested that the nominees be elected singly in accordance with constitution procedures. All proposed candidates were elected by a majority of members:

J. Griffis, S. Taylor, C. Whittaker, D. Castle, A. Nicoll, L. Chung, O. Froment, V. Harding, A. Haslam-Jones, N. Sinclair elected *nem. con.*; M. Gold elected 16-13.

4. Chair's report

The Neighbourhood Plan was approved in June 2018 with 91.5% in favour on a 22% turnout; both figures the highest in Camden.

Since the Plan had been formally adopted by Camden, the Forum had measured the effectiveness of the Plan by tracking the number of planning decisions taken based on the Plan's policies. Most proposals submitted to Camden were compliant with the Plan's policies. When we objected to those that did not, Camden agreed in nearly all cases. The chair reported that the Forum committee had met with Camden planners several times in the past year and taken groups of planners on tours of the Plan area to better understand the Plan's policies and the character of the area.

The Chair also outlined the status of local CIL projects that had been approved for funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy, a tax on construction that is meant to help offset the impact of development.

There were questions raised about certain CIL projects and the amount of funding remaining. JG explained that the Forum's role in the CIL process was to facilitate consultation on various proposals in order to help inform the local councillors in deciding priorities for use of CIL funds. AN said that the Forum maintained a list of CIL projects and suggested that we coordinate with the local councillors to keep this updated.

In other activities, the Forum successfully had secured re-nomination of the Magdala Tavern as an Asset of Community Value, which gives the community a right to buy should the pub be sold. The committee also commented on a number of consultations concerning the Plan area such as the London Plan, the Camden Air Quality Strategy and TfL High street proposals, effectively arguing against the change of a zebra crossing on the High Street to a controlled crossing.

The Chair finished her remarks by thanking the committee for their hard work over the past year and the local councillors for their support.