

Minutes of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum committee

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6.30pm 7 January 2020

Present: J. Griffis (chair), A. Nicoll (Communicatios), S. Taylor (secretary), C. Whittaker (treasurer), L. Chung, Cllr O. Cooper, O. Froment, M. Gold, V. Harding, A. Haslam-Jones, G. Robinson, N. Sinclair

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved.

2. Matters arising

A bank account has been opened at Barclays. The committee appointed Barclays as the Forum's banker.

The account is a 'community account' and gives us a contactless machine with which we can take payments. We will take donations in order to fund our routine expenses which are £600-£1,000 per year, of which the main expense is to NationBuilder for the website. At the AGM we will solicit small donations. JG also indicated that there could be a button on the website through which donations could be made.

Regarding the revised Conservation Area statement, a meeting has been scheduled with Alan Wito of Camden.

The AGM will be on Tuesday 17th March at Burgh House at 7pm. (Since changed; see below.)

3. Committee

Glen Robinson, a retired architect, was formally co-opted onto the committee.

4. Hampstead Transport Strategy

JG, CW and AN have discussed with Camden collaborating on a Hampstead Transport Strategy, to fit within Camden's plans much as the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) does with the Camden Local Plan, but without statutory force. The area covered would be larger than the

Forum Area. The Forum would lead development of the Strategy using its experience with public consultations from developing the NP. The committee approved this initiative.

ACTION:

- ST and CW to invite 'stakeholders' to a kick-off meeting.
- ST to organise World Café consultation to follow AGM at Burgh House

5. Mission statement

Committee reviewed a draft mission statement.

ACTION: JG to propose adoption of the mission statement at the AGM.

6. Planning and conservation

JG, ST, CW, AN, OF, VH, DC & GR met Alex Bushell and Andrew Trigg at Camden Planning on 7/1/20.

AN reported the Forum has commented on 40 applications; a further 9 applications have been decided with reference to the NP.

OC said clarifications by the Forum of policies passed at referendum will carry more weight in deciding applications.

AT advised minor amendments can be made to the NP, and will send guidance on how to do it.

AB confirmed the importance in deciding applications of the character areas defined in the NP, and said they are more detailed and carry more weight than the Conservation Area Advisory Council statement.

Camden refers applicants to the Forum at pre-application stage. We have limited resources for dealing with developers.

RESOLVED: Forum advice on individual applications should take the form of advice on how we see the NP should apply; this advice always to be given in writing and copied to Camden Planning.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy

Camden proposes improvements to South End Green, £480k costs to be

funded from Hampstead's CIL.

OC advised that Camden's £12M CIL balance is committed to "four avenues", of which two are roads and green spaces.

ACTION: JG to consult Cllr Stark.

Oriel Place garden plans are opposed by local residents. A solution is wanted.

8. Any other business

Alex Bushell expects an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Abacus school proposed at the former police station.

NEXT MEETING: AGM at Burgh House, 17 March at 7pm

* NB This meeting has subsequently been changed to 7pm Monday 16 March.