

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum – Annual General Meeting

Date and time of meeting:	17 nd May 2022, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Location:	The Salvation Army – Manor Park Road
Attending:	<p>Committee: Chair; Sandra White (SW); Paul Anders (PA); Colin George (CG); Margaret Cox (MC) Amandine Alexandre (AA) Julieta Galarza (JG); (Ilaria Esposito – Coordinator (IE))</p> <p>Guests: Harlesden Town Team (Metropolitan Police), Shane Lawrence (Brent Council) Joy Ogbechi (Brent Council) Kerry Csuka (consultant architect) Eashani Haria (The Canal and River Trust) Jumbo Chan, Mili Patel, Matt Kelcher (Brent Councillors)</p> <p>Other attendees: 41 Members + 5 volunteers</p>
Apologies:	Grace Nelson (Town Manager) Helen Spedding (Brent Council)

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Once registered, attendees had 30 minutes to visit the different tables and engage in talks concerning projects and developments where the Forum is involved.</p> <p>Networking and thematic tables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG briefly introduced the proposals to extend the Forum's boundaries. • JG – presenting the Harlesden wayfinding project • MC & AA - clean air & environment and results for Tubbs Road Pocket Park survey • Harlesden town team - Officers came to engage with residents explaining their new role in the town centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW welcomed everyone, introduced herself as Chair, and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. • SW went through the agenda of the meeting. • SW gave the floor to Shane Lawrence to present the You Decide Grant to participants and encouraging people to apply <p>Q1: Elinor Rowlands asked Shane which kind of support the Council provided for people with disability to access the fund. Being unemployed and disabled would the grant support her salary to deliver the activity? R1: Yes, this is a cost that can be supported by the grant (response by email to an inquiry made by IE to Helen Spedding, and forwarded to the member).</p>	<p>IE to get in touch with You Decide Grants to respond to Elinor Rowlands' question.</p>

<p>2</p>	<p>Amendments to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution Paul Anders Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to charitable objects: remove <i>'provision of housing'</i> <p>Rationale: this is being taken forward by Brent Community Land Trust</p> <p>Eligibility to become a trustee: change <i>'Every trustee must be a natural person and a member of the CIO.'</i> to <i>'Every trustee must be a natural person and a member or associate member of the CIO.'</i></p> <p>Rationale: this resolves an inconsistency in the constitution as it currently stands and could help us to recruit trustees with the knowledge and skills required to support the work of HNF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA asked members to vote. The membership unanimously approved the amendments to the CIO constitution 	<p>Trustees to communicate changes to the Charity Commission</p>
	<p>Picture Palace presentation - Joy Ogbechi (Brent Council) Kerry Csuka (consultant architect)</p> <p>VISION: A centre which is a beacon for the local community and in particular those of African heritage.</p> <p>STAKEHOLDERS: Assets For Brent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of the former Picture Palace to provide community facilities • With flexible working spaces • Design & installation of a new lift • Design & installation of mezzanine flooring <p>INDICATIVE PROGRAMM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to tender 23rd May 2022 • Tender submission deadline 13th June 2022 • Tender award July 2022 <p>During the presentation members asked questions and sought clarifications with regard to several matters. SW invited the councillors present and the presenters for the Picture Palace to have a quick meeting during the break to organize an ad hoc meeting with the relevant stakeholder who could answer those questions. SW proposed that given the significant level of interest and the packed agenda, a separate meeting would be arranged to look specifically at this subject.</p>	

	<p>Grand Union Canal Volunteering & Biodiversity Programme – Eashani Haria (The Canal and River Trust)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eashani presented the work done around the canal: 52 volunteer events, accumulated 2529 volunteer hours and over 1311 bags of rubbish collected (please see slides for more details) • Eashani shared examples of community feedback: “A wonderfully gentle approach by the Canal & River Trust, OPDC and volunteers to clean the canal and encourage aquatic plant life!” • Eashani mentioned that there is funding for 2 more years (April 2022 – March 2024) and invited the Forum and members to join in activities, with a leaflet circulated containing information about opportunities to get involved.. <p>Members asked if activities for families and children or groups were free of charge. Eashani: responded that they are free and distributed postcards with details to join.</p>	
	<p>Networking continued till 8 pm.</p> <p>AOB and next meeting</p> <p>The dates of future meetings are on the website 20th September 2022, 5th December 2022</p>	

