

## Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum: Winter General Meeting Minutes – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 FINAL

<b>Date and time of meeting:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018, 6pm – 9pm
<b>Location:</b>	Royal Oak Pub Harlesden
<b>Attending:</b>	<p><b>Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee:</b> Leao Neto – HNF Chair; Atara Fridler – Co-vice Chair (AF); Paul Anders – Treasurer (PA); Megan Lewis – Secretary &amp; Coordinator (ML); Colin George (CG); Nick Jones (committee: Co-vice chair)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> several OPDC, Brent, HEART, The Beat and Community Reps representatives</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Leroy Simpson – HNF ambassador + 45 other attendees</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ricky Gardener - committee

Item	Minutes	Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN welcomes all attendees</li> <li>• LN announces we will be taking photos for our campaigns and to advise ML of any concerns or requests not to be photographed</li> <li>• Attendees review the October meeting minutes and agree to adopt them</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>New HNF constitution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN provides an update on how the Charity Registration process is going</li> <li>• LN reminds attendees that Draft new constitution (for registered charity status) has been circulated 15 working days in advance. Document also available at event for viewing.</li> <li>• Formal vote held on approval of new constitution to be adopted when charity registration is complete: 26 members vote YES, 0 people vote NO</li> <li>• Q1: Does being a charity place restrictions on lobbying politically. LN states this isn't something that has been of concern to us so not yet discussed. PA notes HNF is not politically affiliated and doesn't intend to be so the restriction is not relevant to us.</li> </ul>	HNF to adopt constitution when registered
3	<p><b>HNF updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Voice: ML thanks volunteers over the year including community Reps and local architects and experts. ML introduces Community Rep volunteer from Crisis Brent Beulah who explains why she gets involved in her community.</li> <li>• Planning: PA states the Neighbourhood Plan is in hands of independent examiner to check it holds up with planning policy. HNF will circulate any responses or amendments that are required and communicate about the referendum – likely spring 2019. Q1: would HNF have the power to block any adverse plans that go against the Neighbourhood Plan content? AF responds that HNF will be a statutory consultative body in any plans in the boundary area and would have ability to block. Also developers have a legal obligation not to go against the plan policies. Brent have since responded:</li> </ul> <p><i>The council as local planning authority would still determine the planning application. Any application would be assessed against policies in the neighbourhood plan and any other relevant planning policies, for example the London Plan and Local Plan. As is currently the case, the HNF would be invited to comment on the planning application.</i></p> <p><i>Pre-application advice is confidential, so we would not consult the forum. Our Statement of Community Involvement encourages developers to consult the community before submitting a planning application.</i></p>	

	<p><i>Many Thanks</i></p> <p><i>Claire Jones</i> Principal Policy Officer Regeneration &amp; Environment Brent Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community &amp; Economic Development: ML explains how this year we've worked more and more with local groups to share expertise and to define (and support) each other's working areas. ML introduces OPDC 'in the making' projects and small grants scheme representatives in the room. ML also gives an update on the Wayfinding design competition due to be launched early January.</li> <li>• Community Led Housing: AF announces there is funding for support in place to develop a scope for CLH in the area. Encourages everyone to keep an eye out for further communication in the new year. Q1: So HNF intend to do down the route of delivering housing? And who for? AF: This is what the scoping work is for, essential part is the community consultation around it which will help define what happens. TBC for now.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Other updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from HEART announce their Minimise Plastic campaign for 2019 to mark their 20<sup>th</sup> year.</li> <li>• Sid from OPDC Small Grants scheme introduces himself and advises further info will come shortly</li> <li>• Helen Spedding from Brent announces Brent's Community Engagement Review and what it entails.</li> </ul>	HNF to circulate updated info on all to help people get involved.
7	<p><b>No AOB</b></p> <p>Forum proceed with mingling and winter raffle</p>	