

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Trustee meeting minutes

Date and time of the meeting	Tuesday 3rd March 2021– 6.30-7.30 pm
Location	Online Zoom
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE), Paul Anders (PA), Colin George (CG), Madeleine Jennings (MJ), Sandra White (SW), Margaret Cox (MC), Nouh Abukar (NA)
Guests	Gareth Smith, Kate Lambert - Brent NCIL team
Apologies	
Absent	

Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion and agreed points)	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome / Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ welcomed the Committee. • Minutes and actions from 9th February meeting and 24th February Forum meeting adopted. • Conflict of interest register check: none disclosed 	
2.	<p>Brent NCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest: Kate Lambert and Gareth Smith -Grants Manager for Brent NCIL team • SW gave a little background concerning the question raised by members, about 25% NCIL allocated to HNF. • Kate reported that the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan attracts 25% of CIL. There is not much development at the moment, so there is roughly £6,300 available, and HNF needs to apply through the normal process, like everyone else. The total NCIL for Harlesden is £250,000, and £6,300 are explicitly allocated to HNF boundaries. The £6,300 have been allocated to another project within the HNF boundaries. • CG was quite surprised that any organisation could apply for 25% within the HNF boundaries without involving it. • MC wondered if projects around green spaces could be suitable for NCIL. Kate mentioned sending her draft ideas when these will be available. • SW asked about the eligibility criteria for organisations to apply since we have an ongoing project part-funded by NCIL, the completion of which has been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Kate said they would like to close the current project first and then look at monitoring and evaluation before starting another. It was clarified that we could apply within the £250,000 as well. 	<p>SW to check with Kate about the project supported by NCIL within the HNF boundaries</p> <p>IE to send a reminder to Kate Lambert/Anna Doyle to send us the procedure to report on the Harlesden wayfinding project.</p> <p>Links to apply: https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/community-grants-and-voluntary-sector-support/funding-finder/neighbourhood-community-infrastructure-levy-ncil-fund/ https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/community-grants-and-voluntary-sector-support/funding-finder/brent-health-matters-community-fund-</p>

3.	<p>Harlesden wayfinding</p> <p>Early in 2019, we delivered the first year of a 3-year culture and public realm project funded through a Neighbourhood CIL grant (£21,768 secured) and a Town Centre match fund grant (£3000 secured).</p> <p>We have left £1,432 from the match fund and £1,088 from NCIL (taking out a fixed cost for installation of year 2 and year 3)</p> <p>Expenses are recorded and monitored by the town-centre manager (Grace Nelson) – Anna Doyle checked with the NCIL team and CPMedia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE reported on the poll results concerning the new theme for the competition. • The Committee decided to launch the competition asap and then contact different organisations to promote it and possibly run workshops attracting other groups within the community. 	<p>IE prepare draft launching poster/comms for members/stakeholder.</p> <p>IE to contact Abundance Art/Feeling peaky.</p> <p>IE to explore options with other artists in the area to partner with the competition.</p> <p>IE to send material to project WG for approval.</p>
4.	<p>Clean Air and environment</p> <p>MC updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Councils HGV response concerning the number of HGVs passing through Harlesden also considering OPDC development, which will add even more strain to our roads. This issue needs addressing again. - Brent Council response said that the London Borough of Brent and Transport for London are working together to develop Healthy Streets improvements between Wembley and Willesden Junction. These changes aim to make it easier and safer to walk, cycle, and use public transport to make the area safer, greener, and reduce car travel. Early public engagement was undertaken between January and March 2020. The Council is aware that residents raised concerns about the number of HGVs using Harlesden town centre. As part of the scheme's ongoing design and development process, they will be looking at traffic flows through Harlesden town centre and will be investigating improvements such as new destination signage to encourage the use of alternative routes. - Following MC email, Highways and Infrastructure Service will arrange for an officer to contact the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to confirm the Mitre bridge's weight restriction (whether temporary or permanent). Highways and Infrastructure Service will also liaise with colleagues in their Regeneration Team to see if the subject to be added to the agenda for the next coordination meeting held with OPDC. - MC said that she would advise Highways and Infrastructure Service to have a conversation with the companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed the Committee to invite Amandine, the ambassador for clean air, as a guest at the next meeting. • Community gardens next step. MC would like to apply for NCIL but asked for support from the Committee to cost the initiative. 	<p>MC will draft a response, circulate it to the Committee and then send it to Highways and Infrastructure Service.</p> <p>IE will send info to apply for NCIL for MC and SW to discuss.</p> <p>SW and MC will discuss the possibility to apply to CIL or other funding for Green spaces.</p>
5.	<p>Planning report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ quickly reported on Harlesden canalside activity – quiz. MJ won the quiz with her team, which was a pleasant activity to involve people in the history of Harlesden. Unfortunately, there were not so many people. 	<p>Church End regeneration plan: Discuss promotion and involvement next Committee meeting</p>

- **IE** updated redesignation: on 4th March 2021, OPDC Board agreed to redesignate the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum within the OPDC area. This has an immediate effect.
- **CG** reported on some of the more relevant planning applications.

SILVER TIME 5-6 PARK PARADE Permission was refused on 18th Jan 2021 based on an official report with two reasons given: the proposed change of use and operational hours would result in an unacceptable over-concentration of Adult Gaming Centres, it would harm the vitality and viability of the Harlesden Town Centre and is likely to result in exacerbated negative impacts such as noise disturbance, crime and anti-social behaviour. The proposed development is contrary to DMP 1 and DMP 3 of the Brent Development Management Policies Plan (2016). An appeal was lodged on 23rd February, although details are not available on the Planning Inspectorate website.

WILLIAM HILL STATION ROAD Cllr Matt Kelcher organised a meeting to discuss the ex-William Hill premises' potential redevelopment. At present, there are no confirmed proposals.

Alcohol off sales application 248-250 High Street / Westfield supermarket

This is a reapplication as the previous application was refused after pre-license breaches by the owner and negative police and council officer reports.

2 Scrubs Lane

HNF is concerned that it will lead to the loss of the church and nursery to the community if the S106 agreements made with OPDC Planning Committee are overridden or ignored.

Manor Park Works 21/376 and 21/0604

The access plans are woefully inadequate as there will be room for only one vehicle at a time-on-site (and this won't be visible from Manor Park Road, the likelihood of traffic chaos is high).

Wormwood Scrubs

The HS2 access works seem to be excessive. The reports heard from members, stakeholders, and other groups show a belief that the access road will be more permanent than temporary.

HS2 Construction Traffic

Given what appears to be the disregard of permissions relating to Wormwood Scrubs, can we be sure that HS2 will stick to the agreed vehicle movement plan agreed with LB Ealing? As no construction vehicles should pass through Harlesden do, we have plans to monitor/thoughts of actions we can take should problems arise?

Furness Pocket Park

Parts of the Disotto's site redevelopment are now complete, and the new house will get its roof next week. Consider a remediation/enhancement plan when works are done.

CG to organise a Manor Park site meeting with the planning officers, Anna Doyle and reps from the Salvation Army Hall.

CG to circulate details on the silver time application.

CG to assess GUA responses and draft similar to send to OPDC. **CG** to circulate suggested answers on 2 Scrubs Lane

CG to follow up on other planning applications.

IE to write to Mili Patel reminding about HNF getting notification from licensing and PD planning

6.	<p>Date and venue of the next committee meeting</p> <p>MJ proposed to go back to monthly Committee meetings, whilst the officers could meet fortnightly. PA mentioned that charities have 1 meeting each quarter usually, and those trustees are volunteers. CG, MC, NA would find it beneficial to keep the meeting fortnightly in this period. The discussion will be adjourned when face to face meeting will be allowed again.</p>	Next meeting 23 rd March 2021 6.30
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