

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum: Spring General Meeting Minutes – 7th March 2019 DRAFT

Date and time of meeting:	7 th March 2019, 6.15pm – 8.30pm
Location:	Royal Oak Pub Harlesden
Attending:	<p>Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee: Leao Neto – HNF Chair; Atara Fridler – Co-vice Chair (AF); Paul Anders – Treasurer (PA); Megan Lewis – Secretary & Coordinator (ML); Colin George (CG); Nick Jones (committee: Co-vice chair)</p> <p>Guests: Kaya Chatterji & Jade Christi- LB Brent, Sid Patrick OPDC, Cecelia Greene and Michael Kearney HEART, Martin Page - Brent and Community Reps representatives</p> <p>Other attendees: Leroy Simpson – HNF ambassador + 20 other attendees</p>
Absent:	Ricky Gardener - committee

Item	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LN welcomes all attendees • Attendees review the December meeting minutes and agree to adopt them 	
2	<p>HNF updates: Community Voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaya Chatterji and Jade Christi explain the community engagement process for Brent’s Harlesden Town Centre design framework work. Appointed architects Hawkins Brown and have done a range of reaching out so far. HNF committee will meet with Hawkins Brown at a logical point. They acknowledge the engagement work done by HNF and knowledge built up around the Neighbourhood Planning work and explains how they do not wasn’t to duplicate this work. • Q1: How can people get more info and feed in to the engagement work? Kaya encourages anyone wanting more info about the project potentials and where HNF will come in to contact HNF directly. The aim is to develop some potential projects coming out of the design framework in order to bid for further GLA Good Growth funding. • Q2: Can anything be done about pollution, including the problem with idling? Kaya mentions that the mayor’s Clean Air Scheme making the whole of central London a clean air zone, will come into force soon. • Q3: Has there been any mention of the state of the high street (state of repair)? LN states we should collect the questions and respond later. Leroy Simpson mentions that this informal way of feedback giving is valuable, and that he thinks there’s a budget for High street repairs already. • Q4: Where was the 4th March public event publicised? Kaya states it was advertised via emails, newsletters and LB Brent’s website/social media channels • Q5: There’s also an issue of cars parking on the pavement at night, including double parking Q6: Also mentions speeding. Kaya notes that the issues have come up already and next steps would be to look at pavement design or develop a plan that fits with the intention of the design framework scheme and the purpose of the grants available. • As some of these issues are out of the purview of the officials attending, it was agreed that they KC/KC would take to colleagues and feed back to the forum via ML 	HNF to put Examiners report and our response on the HNF website

	<p>Planning and environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan presents an overview of the findings of the independent inspection of the Neighbourhood Plan. Acknowledges the largely positive and supportive report and notes that the modifications required mostly cover updating factual references, adding more detail and clarifying parts, and also removing some specificity of proposals in order to bring more options further down the line. • ML highlights the modification of removing reference to retaining 60 car parking spaces at Harlesden Plaza and changing to ‘an element of car parking’. Also removing 4 storeys as maximum height of development in the town centre and changing to ‘anything over 4 storeys will be reviewed have to meet XXX criteria’. ML explains that this ensures developers will be encouraged to come forward with proposals and the Forum can review them and respond on a case-by-case basis. PA notes that an explainer about these modifications will be posted on the website. • ML states there will likely be the Neighbourhood Plan referendum (‘Yes vote’) in May 2019. And welcomes questions... • Q1 Who owns the car park? Colin George and ML respond to say they have been contacted but no response. • Q2: Forum member David Craine gives his congratulations to HNF for progress on the Plan <p>Community and Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML announces that the design competition banner ‘Harlesden Journeys’ project is progressing and thanks attendees for publicising it and entering into the competition. • Q1: have you thought about banners fading and how long will they be up? ML responds to say the banners will be up all year until the festive lights go up, or the second round of the project in early 2020. The banner supplier ensures the printing does not fade over time. <p>Community Led Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atara Fridler announces that progress is being made with exploratory work for a community led housing scheme. Funding is being sought from the GLA and Brent has put forward two potential site options. AF requests anybody wanting to be part of a steering group to come forward. • Q1: is the intention to build new homes or to house people in need? AF states there is great housing need in the area, including overcrowding and homelessness, the CLH project is in response to that so likely to be focussed on housing those in need. <i>Regeneration & Environment</i> 	
3	<p>HNF environment update</p> <p>Nick Jones introduces three environment-themed projects and guests.</p> <p>Brent tree-planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Page from Brent gives an overview of the Tree Planting strategy. Stating that there is scope for more trees to be planted, that he applies for funding externally himself to deliver the schemes and requesting... (TBC from Martin) • Q1: There is a problem with people parking on pavements and hitting new trees. Many have had to be cut down. Martin states that there are no funds to replace trees that are broken or cut. However it should be reported via 020 8937 5050 • Q2: It was heard that there is funding for 800 new trees in the area – Martin responds that this was in 2018 and are in already. • Q3: Is it possible to make ‘wheelie bin’ planters which would provide a more mobile option. Martin’s response... (TBC from Martin) <p>Clean Air for Brent (CAfB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Jones provides an update from Clean Air for Brent’s activity. Their main focus is TfL’s Ultra Low Emissions Zone scheme. CAfB has commissioned Imperial College students to research into how much or rather how little is known about the ULEZ amongst Brent residents and whether they understand what the ULEZ means and how it will impact them. • Other CAfB updates: Held a large public meeting in November 2018 with prominent speakers on the future of the car, vehicle emissions, and in anticipation of the ULEZ. Had a presence at Brent Civic for National Clean Air Day and London Car Free Day. CAfB 	

	<p>commissioned report from Imperial College. Four students studying for their MSc in Environmental Technology at Imperial worked with CAfB to produce this illuminating report A Study on Air Quality in Brent – Imperial College. Had a presence at Queens Park day, Fork to Fork, QPCS Summer Fair and other local events, where we met new members and discussed the issues. Engaged with local schools. Committed to focus on raising awareness of air pollution, influencing policy and supporting the Council’s anti-idling campaign. Responded to a variety of Governmental and Mayoral consultations on air quality, transport and the environment. Held further public meetings with representatives of the Council and interested bodies – more to be announced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CaFB request HNF members members to join CAfB or visit its website where there is a wealth of information on CAfB and its activities and achievements. https://cleanairforbrent.wordpress.com/ <p>HEART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecelia from HEART introduces their aim to keep Harlesden clean and safe. This year they are celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Saturday 18th May with their Annual Clean-up day with the theme of Reducing Plastic. They request skills and ideas and for people to get involved. The event will be 11am-2pm in Harlesden and then 3pm onwards from Christ Church Hall. 	
5	<p>OPDC Small Grants scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sid Patrick from OPDC provides information about the scheme, including it’s background and context within the ‘In the Making’ program. A hand out is provided for further information on the scheme • LN introduces the workshop section of the meeting in which attendees were encouraged to get into groups to think about ideas for OPDC Small Grants projects which could be supported by HNF or HEART. • Three groups develop ideas (See notes in images below) and present back • Q1: How can we make our projects relevant to the scheme? SP states that Harlesden is part of the wider OPDC community, and applicants can be flexible with wording and should be able to plan their projects and word their grant applications in a way that emphasises the connection with OPDC area. 	
6	<p>Community Liaison Officer update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeroy Simpson provides an update on local policing schemes, including the Safer Neighbourhood Panel. • The panel have identified 15 crime hot spots and require one person per hot spot on the panel – requests people to come forward via Email. • LS also requests for people to log information on the website 	
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum member Janelle Clarke introduces her children and how she is getting them involved in the community – including by writing their stories. Also promotes her independent local flower business and asks people to contact her for more info – 07943967769 	

STEP 1: Small Grants project ideas

Brainstorm or write here a short description of an early idea for a small project you'd like to see in Harlesden

Please note: HEART or HNF can support this project but you will need to help deliver it yourself or with a group of neighbours

Idea 1

Fix the quality
of the roads

- Peaceful protest!
- Highlight potholes
- Street art

Idea 3

Expand the energy
gardens from
the stations

- other small green
spaces

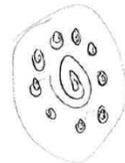
Idea 2

Encourage people
to cycle

Idea 4

Memorial
Improve the plaque to
park
~~the~~ Mary Seacole

- Add to it!
- maybe brought more central



STEP 2: Meeting the OPDC Small Grant Criteria

Pick one of your project ideas to develop. Then state how it fits with the grants scheme priorities

Idea name 4 - Mary Secole memorial Park walkway
Who does the project involve? Edmund, Ann
How much is needed? ~~£2500~~ £3500
How does/could the project fit with OPDC Small Grants priorities? (state the number & explain)

Handwritten notes:
+ event
+ energy garden!
- Bank Notes!
West Indian trees + shrubs
Sculpture
Visual + Strong
+ tomb

OPDC small grants priorities. Your project must:

- 1. encourage new people in Old Oak and Park Royal to take part in arts, and heritage activities**
- 2. raise ambition for arts and heritage groups and individual artists based in the area for delivering community activities**
- 3. develop skills and volunteering opportunities for local people to become active members of the Old Oak and Park Royal community**
- 4. build the links between the local community and local businesses in Old Oak and Park Royal**

Already in the area → (1) - art?
Publicise to OPDC ~~res~~ residents

STEP 3: Next steps to make it happen

Next steps to make the project & grant application happen are:

- Find out who manages the park
- Get a project group together
- Speak to local tour guide + heritage experts
- Engage local artists.

A contact name and email of the person progressing the chosen project:

Edmund (see note)

Please note any questions / clarifications you have about the scheme for HNF to answer:

More than ~~this~~

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Idea 1

Childrens Club.
After School
Half Term.

ARTS
Activities

Idea 3

Concert - Music
"IN all
Layers." Culture

Idea 2

Food - Culture.
Art.
Heritage.

Idea 4

Clothes

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Idea 1

SUPPORT FOR
TAGG PLANTING.

Idea 3

PUT MORE PARK IE GREEN INTO CRAVEN
PARK

Club at roundwood Community centre

Idea 2

IMPROVE PUBLIC
REALM AROUND
WILLGSDGN JUNCTION.
Furness Road/Harrow Road Junction

Idea 4

Bramshill Rd. Park.
Upgrade the playing
structures & plant flowers.

STEP 2: Meeting the OPDC Small Grant Criteria

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Idea name Clubs @ Roundwood Community Centre

Who does the project involve? Make usage for young people

How much is needed? _____

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③ / ① workshops / after school clubs / weekend activities / practical skills

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Next steps to make the project & grant application happen are:

- Get ~~up~~ key stakeholders on board - February, faith groups
- evidence in neighbourhood on what young people need
- general costing for these activities

A contact name and email of the person progressing the chosen project:

Please note any questions / clarifications you have about the scheme for HNF to answer: