

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Trustee meeting minutes

Date and time of the meeting	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021– 6.00-7.00 pm
Location	Zoom
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE), Paul Anders (PA), Colin George (CG), Sandra White (SW), Margaret Cox (MC), Nouh Abukar (NA) <b>Committee Members (CM)</b>
Guests	
Apologies	Madeleine Jennings (MJ)
Absent	

Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion and agreed points)	Actions
1.	<p><b>Welcome / Introduction.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SW</b> welcomed the committee.</li> <li>• <b>MJ</b> sent her apologies</li> <li>• <b>CM</b> approves 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 minutes</li> <li>• Conflict of interest register check: none disclosed.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Harlesden clean up challenge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IE</b> gave an overview of the clean-up day and invited the <b>CM</b> to evaluate the event.</li> <li>• <b>Total participants:</b> 158 people, of which 69 were children and young people.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> thanked Harlesden Town Garden (HTG) for opening one of our neighbourhood's conservation areas to the participants and for allowing residents and members the opportunity to enjoy it. <b>SW</b> also thanked YWAM Urbankey for supporting the event with tables, food donations, drinks and face painting.</li> <li>• <b>CM</b> thanked all the volunteers.</li> <li>• <b>PA</b> expressed his appreciation for the work pulled together to organise the event.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> and <b>MC</b> had several conversations with people at Tubbs pocket park. <b>SW</b> reported about the different demographics that visited and residents' intention to bring the park back to a place that families and children can access. <b>MC</b> suggests that HNF could survey the residents around green spaces and their use to have a common view before applying for funding</li> <li>• <b>CG</b> advised getting more people on board to deliver on community projects. At the same time, HNF can apply for funding and talk with partners to develop further ideas. <b>CG</b> suggested that the following application to sustainability fund could focus on food waste in line with council strategy</li> </ul>	<p><b>IE</b> to contact Veolia about video interviews  <b>IE</b> to contact Veolia about sustainability fund to work on food waste in line with the work Brent Council is doing  <b>IE, MC</b> to contact those who could be community engagement ambassadors  <b>IE</b> to draft a survey for the use of green spaces</p>

3.	<p><b>Project Horizons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Horizons - based out of Harlesden Police Station is a multi-agency project looking into local problems within the NW10 area, which includes diversion &amp; regeneration. The aim is to alleviate the impact of some of the high violence/high crime that occurs locally.</li> <li>• Following the conversation with some members of the Committee, the Project could investigate a partnership to replenish and renovate spaces that have been abandoned in Harlesden and used for crime.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> updated the board about her initial meeting with (Met Police) to identify the areas in Harlesden where regeneration is required.</li> <li>• <b>CM</b> identified different areas: Tubbs pocket park, Park Parade, Furness pocket park, the end of Leghorn Road, the area around Tesco. <b>MC</b> proposed a sculpture in the area surrounding Tesco.</li> <li>• <b>CG</b> mentioned that there should be more transparency in regard to landowners, because it took <b>MC</b> a while to get in touch with the right person.</li> </ul>	<p><b>IE</b> To organise a meeting with MetPolice officer – Project Horizons and <b>SW</b> to brainstorm ideas and identify places for regeneration.  <b>MC</b> to contact artist for sculptures  <b>IE, SW</b> get in touch with Grace Nelson to speak with landowners,  <b>SW</b> to inform Met Police that Tesco landowner will be on board before applying for funding.</p>
4.	<p><b>Harlesden Wayfinding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IE</b> informed the Committee that CPMedia had completed the banners instalment.</li> <li>• <b>CM</b> discussed options for a date to celebrate the winners of the art competition in September</li> <li>• The conversation around which Partners and local organisations to involve, will happen at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>The date is set for 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 5 pm at Bramshill open space</p>
5.	<p><b>Brent Council Planning Application:20/3169 SILVERTIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the appeal by Silvertime to open in 5/6 Park Parade, the Forum has decided to counter their appeal and ask members to consider counter appealing also, via the newsletter.</li> <li>• <b>CG</b> and <b>PA</b> stated that any comment to oppose should be carried out and defined within planning guidelines and using planning protocol in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. <b>CG</b> and <b>PA</b> do not support an Adult Gaming Centre to be open in Park Parade. However, since the laws allows for the centre within specific terms, a letter of challenge needs to be supported by evidence that the planning inspector can consider.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> and <b>MC</b> agree with countering Silvertime’s appeal. Both feel that providing opposition and inviting members to do the same, is an important role of the Forum. It is important that members and residents know the procedures and act accordingly. With this in mind, it is hoped that the planning inspector might receive more concerns around this planning application, and consider the Silvertime appeal differently.</li> </ul>	<p><b>IE</b> to finalise letters with references.  <b>IE</b> to send a letter to the planning inspector  <b>IE</b> to include the appeal in the newsletter  <b>PA</b> will draft a short text to go with the docs in the newsletter.</p>
6.	<p><b>Trustees and Ambassadors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IE</b> explained that the Forum had received the interest of three people to work more closely with the Forum.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> proposed to get people involved as community engagement ambassadors initially. Once they feel to commit more, there is the possibility to consider them as trustees.</li> <li>• <b>CG</b> thinks that it is an excellent strategy to let people become ambassadors before becoming trustees. This way, they can understand better the work of the Forum.</li> <li>• <b>SW</b> informed <b>CM</b> about the expression of interest to become a trustee from Amandine Alexandre, our clean air ambassador.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SW</b> will get in touch with Amandine to have a specific conversation about the opportunity to become a Trustee.  <b>IE</b> will contact Segel and Yeti for them to become community engagement ambassadors.</p>

7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CG</b> informed the Committee that on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, there would be a community event at Furness pocket park</li> <li>• <b>CG</b> has designed a new leaflet to promote Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum. <b>PA</b> and <b>SW</b> suggested a minor tweak before publishing</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Date and venue of the following committee meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to have a meeting on 31st August 2021 at 6 pm</li> </ul>	<b>IE</b> to send agenda and minutes to <b>CM</b>