

## Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 MINUTES

<b>Date and time of meeting:</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018, 6.30 – 8.15pm
<b>Location:</b>	Tavistock Hall office
<b>Attending:</b>	Leao Neto (LN), Paul Anders (PA), Megan Lewis (ML), Atara Fridler (AF), Colin George(CG), Nick Jones (NJ)
<b>Guests:</b>	Jannie Kalb (JK), Rick Gibbs (RG)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Susan Grace, Ricky Gardner

### Meeting notes

Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion points and agreed points)	Actions
1.	<p><b>Welcome / Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN welcomes all</li> <li>• LN runs through actions from last meeting</li> <li>• Website delayed due to illness – to be looked at again after the AGM in April</li> <li>• Committee discuss continued silence by Cllr Butt – agree it’s important we know how he’s representing Harlesden in relation to the OPDC. Agreement to write to Cllr with a clear ask and our concerns.</li> <li>• HNF secretary and vice-chair have applied for Comic Relief core strength funding to assist with becoming a registered body as well as developing a governance strategy. AF explains HNF have been shortlisted but there’s an option with Trust For London also. This work will enable us to become more independent. Committee agree this type of assistance is essential as issue of local groups coming and going. We need longevity for the Neighbourhood Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Website to be updated with bios after next AGM – by Megan + TBC</li> <li>- LN to write to Cllr Butt re. our concerns about WJ station connection and OPDC influence.</li> <li>- Committee to pursue Trust for London funding option when required</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Community High street strategy proposal – Jannie Kalb</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair introduces Jannie Kalb – active local resident and HNF member</li> <li>• JK proposes Harlesden pursuing a project similar to that of the Kensal Corridor &amp; Leytonstone. Community secure funding for initial design work towards a community led strategy for town centre improvements (including the look, awnings and fronts, lighting, safety, getting empty units filled etc) and then tendering for developer/ architect partners. JK explains that such a project will help bring about consensus in the high street and encourage developers.</li> <li>• AF suggests an opportunity with Good Growth fund with OPDC, Impressed by some local groups focus (I.e. Clean air in Kensal), it’s about good community organising</li> <li>• PA asks about costs – JK explains initial work can be done with £10k and then opportunity to leverage further funding for delivery from that (phases). Possible funding sources include TFL, GLA, Heritage lottery etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JK to begin conversation with Councillors and officers (namely Grace Nelson) and to update Megan. HNF to support JK in this where possible.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN agrees High streets are a big issue and continuous conversation for us. We need to look at potential partner organisations. AF points out the council will be crucial – continue making connections with Grace Nelson and understand her vision for the HS. Also need to grill the councillors who are seen as inefficient.</li> <li>• Committee discuss leg work and agree HNF will help to support this work with JK welcome to begin to pursue with Grace Nelson &amp; question new councillors</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ML explains drafts of the Plan document, and accompanying documents to be made available by end of the week. Requests Committee to respond to docs by the following week. Docs to then be sent to Brent and OPDC before final amendments, Forum showcase, and then formal submission.</li> </ul>	- Committee to read and respond to the three NP documents by end of week 19 <sup>th</sup> March.
4.	<p><b>Additional updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees: NJ explains what was agreed following meeting with Jannie Kalb, ML and Martin Price. Martin's aim is to 'green the whole of Harlesden'. Also intention is to run an online survey and walkabout with public about species and locations before planting end of summer.</li> <li>• Phone boxes: CG gives overview of the planning application for the LED advertising screens. ML explains that poster ads on 1 side of phone box doesn't need planning approval so company not currently in breach. Committee agree the case is about whether the phone kiosks are required at all. CG to speak to the planning officer about the phone kiosk issue itself.</li> <li>• Planning applications: CG to screen all planning applications and has been identifying the concerning ones – inc. the Stay Club to student housing and Harrow Road. CG to check it's not being changed from community use, and to investigate the Salusbury Road hostel ('unsupported accommodation') and if there's anything to follow up there.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CG to speak to officer to push for removal of kiosks completely</li> <li>- CG to investigate Stay Club application and Salusbury road hostel application and report back</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Upcoming General Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee agree agenda format proposed by ML</li> <li>- Next AGM date agreed to be Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	-
6.	<p><b>CLH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ML introduces Rick Gibbs (HNF/ Crisis volunteer) to committee</li> <li>- AF, PA and RG go over the plan to take the CLH work forward. PA is speaking to London Citizens and RG will look at the Brent assets list for potential sites for CLH.</li> <li>- Question about whether they should be within HNF area – ML to send boundary map but agreement that it's not essential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ML to send RG boundary Map</li> <li>- PA, ML and RG to liaise on progress</li> </ul>