

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum - Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Date and time of the meeting	Tuesday 28 th July 2020 – 6.00-7.00pm
Location	Online Zoom
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE), Paul Anders (PA), Colin George (CG), Madeleine Jennings (MJ), Sandra White (SW)
Guests	
Apologies	Atara Fridler (AF), Margaret Cox (MC)
Absent	James Pawney (JP) Nick Jones (NJ)

Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion and agreed points)	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome / Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ welcomes the Committee • Minutes and actions from 15/07/2020 meeting adopted. 	
2.	<p>Updates on COVID -19 Social distance survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE and MJ confirm the final Survey report has been sent to Councillors responsible for Kensal Rise area. • CG reports on pavements widening, and bus stops closure/reopening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> IE will disseminate the report in the next newsletter on 29/07/2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Share on website and socials. <input type="checkbox"/> We can close this agenda item for the next meeting
3.	<p>Planning Applications procedure and forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG has shared an internal procedure to select and respond to planning applications. • CG has prepared comments on the planning application submitted by the Salvation Army. • Committee supported format. PA suggests that we include the membership where possible to decide on planning applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CG will draft a section for membership involvement in the procedure. <input type="checkbox"/> CG will share a new draft before the next meeting.
4.	<p>Canal towpath-closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Grid is closing the canal towpath between The Collective @ Old Oak Lane and Scrubs Lane for four months now from September 2020 to allow more consultation within the community. This is for decommissioning of cables. This is a big problem for all people who use this for walking and cycling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MJ, IE will send the letter to: Roz.Henville@london.gov.uk londoncables@communityrelations.co.uk BellJ@ealing.gov.uk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MJ has shared the letter enclosing HNF statement for further community involvement in this decision. The objective is to find a feasible alternative for everyone who does not use public transport, especially in the current pandemic. 	
5.	<p>Application for Re-designation as Neighbourhood Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IE shared recent developments and challenges related to drafting the application for Redesignation. ● IE communicated that the Survey for community involvement is ready to be sent in the newsletter and has included Brent Planning officer feedback. ● IE, CG and AF had exchanges around the application. It is paramount to include the work carried to adopt a NP, as well as work carried to involve the community in the last 5 years. ● CG has shared a convenient form from the City of Westminster, but unfortunately, Brent Council does not use the same format. CG is also concerned that people will be consulted to many times on this matter because also Brent Council will run a 6-week consultation after we apply. ● Committee decided to use internal networks and let people know that the HNF is applying for redesignation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ IE to report on steps and timeline updates □ IE to send Survey before 29/07/202 via newsletter □ IE, To draft application <p>link to re-designation folder link to the draft timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ MJ and Committee to boost communication around redesignation
6.	<p>Veolia's 2020 funding</p> <p>Will now consider proposals that set out to revive the vital community groups, services and spaces that have suffered in recent months. Projects that connect people and communities, and encourage people to reduce their environmental footprint, are of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IE reported on the webinar and the support available via Veolia and Spacehive. ● MJ approached Bramshill Open Space Committee who are a team of volunteers who want to clean up the pocket park. They can access the <i>lovewhereyoulive fund</i>, but the council requires that they register or be registered under an existing organisation to involve children in the clean-up and planting. ● MJ, SW support the idea to involve them in the HNF as a member and possibly help them with admin to get the funding. ● SW said that would be a win-win situation to work with them, have an asset for additional funding and gain a new member. ● PA mentioned that we need to explore which kind of financial involvement is requested. If they need support with the bank account, HNF could give availability for the funding to be allocated on HNF bank account. ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ MJ will explore further involvement with Bramshill Open Space Committee □ IE will start drafting a concept note with SW
7.	<p>OPDC – Harlesden Canal</p> <p>OPDC has announced plans for exciting improvements at Harlesden Canalside. They will be consulting residents and stakeholders on all these improvements. HNF has asked for a meeting in reply to their e-mail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Committee to meet with the OPDC and the collective of residents for that area. □ To set an agenda point on this for the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MJ updated on OPDC setting a meeting with us. MJ also shares concerns about the kind of development OPDC might bring in. At this stage, the development might be not culturally or financially accessible by part of the community. It is paramount we seek dialogue with OPDC to have more cross-cultural driven approach rather than only focusing on expensive flats and businesses. ● SW confirmed YBF had consulted young people. Result young people are afraid of Harlesden to become ghettos. ● CG shared his involvement in writing to OPDC and will circulate info about his notes on the matter. There might also be conflict concerning parking spaces taken by businesses and restaurants. ● SW suggested to involve these restaurants and businesses in the HNF membership and have a conversation around the inclusive approach to development needed in this regard. 	<input type="checkbox"/> To share ideas to interact with the collective. <input type="checkbox"/> Committee to draft an agenda point for the Meeting with OPDC with Roz Henville <i>Joint Head of Communications and Engagement</i>
8.	<p>Organisational setup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA provides updates on the state of implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Employment Status and Payroll. Pension scheme set up needs final arrangements.</i> b) <i>Ilaria Esposito, the new Coordinator and Madeleine Jennings, the newly elected chair would be added on the HNF bank account with their signature.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> PA will be in touch with IE and MJ for bank signature approval <input type="checkbox"/> PA will be in touch with IE for further arrangements via e-mail if necessary.
9.	<p>Quality of air</p> <p>SW and MC investigated on how other communities have advocated, worked in partnership with Councils and banned lorries on high streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To discuss further developments 	moved to next meeting
10.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AWAYDAY ● Committee absence 	moved to next meeting
11.	<p>Date and venue of the next committee meeting</p> <p>The Committee is adjourned on Wednesday 19th August 2020</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> IE will send Agenda on 17/08/2020