

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Meeting

Date and time of the meeting	Wednesday 26 th January 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), Committee Members (CM)
Guests	
Apologies	
Absent	Nouh Abukar (NA) Errol Donald (ED)

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 13th January meeting adopted. • Conflict of interest register check: CM happy with it and found no conflict for this Agenda • MJ reminded the Committee that having only 1 hour to discuss several items needs all CM's commitment to keeping their intervention concise and to the point. 	
2.	<p>Trust for London</p> <p>IE, SW emphasised the work around the evaluation plan. It reports all the actions we need to implement this year. Some have been already implemented, meaning employing a coordinator, have a set of policies.</p>	<p>IE to submit to Trust 4 London.</p> <p>PA to check if next funding instalment has been received</p> <p>SW to have a meeting with the Grant manager for extended funding</p>
3.	<p>Harlesden wayfinding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE informed CM that the conversation with Katrina Loaker from CP Media is on hold for the second year of the colourful wayfinding banner reinstatement. It seems that new artwork has been already paid for. <p><i>Early in 2019, we delivered the pilot 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).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses are recorded and monitored by town-centre manager (Grace Nelson) – need to be checked. • MJ suggested to catch up with Anna Doyle substituting Grace Nelson. • IE suggested that in the meanwhile we could decide on a new theme for competition and how the WG wants to operate (CG and NA) • PA recommended calling the project - Harlesden wayfinding 	<p>IE will include Anna Doyle in the conversation around budget and second-year funding.</p> <p>IE to write to CP media about next steps</p> <p>IE to send relevant material and e-mail collection to the new working group. CG and NA to think about a new theme.</p> <p>MJ, IE to have a meeting with Anna Doyle.</p> <p>PA to get more info on budget and cash flow files</p>

4.	<p>Veolia's Recycling Fund for Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE Sent all relevant documents to Veolia to progress with the funding. • Veolia WG composed by IE, MJ, MC, SW had met on 19th January and produced a draft delivery plan. • MC suggested looking into the fact that businesses do not have explicit instruction on how and where to put the waste. • CG informed that residents have time to put bags out and business use Veolia or private contractors. Every business needs to have a contract for waste disposal with a contractor, and they should be available for inspection • MJ proposed to check with Veolia and town centre manager might have info on the schedule. 	<p>PA to check if funding has arrived IE to set up a meeting with Veolia for initial briefing and check the business schedule for waste disposal.</p>
5.	<p>NCIL Brent Connects update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG reported on Brent Connects meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2021, 6 to 7:30 pm. Draft Budget 2021/22 Presentation and Q&A Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of the Council Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy Kate Lambert, Grants Manager, Strategy and Partnerships • CG said that we should get in touch with the CIL team at Brent Council to get more clarity 	<p>IE, SW to have a meeting with CIL team</p>
6.	<p>Tree Planting</p> <p>IE updated on the meeting with Nick Jones – former HNF committee member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick's role was to liaise with Martin Page Principal Landscape architect from Brent. He was reporting about trees planted to HNF membership. He also used to ask Martin to get in touch with a particular resident for a specific activity around trees. • For trees to be planted, funding is essential. NCIL funding support tree planting and HNF used to endorse these applications. • Before the pandemic, there was a conversation around producing a map to showcase how Harlesden had increased the tree planting or ran an orchard project for kids' necessary planting skills. • Nick kindly offered to do an official handover, introducing us back to Martin to carry on his work. 	<p>MC, IE to get in touch with Martin CG to send us the contact details of the Brent tree group</p>
7.	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CM agreed to include information around Covid -19 and protect people from a scam in addition to topics already suggested by IE 	<p>IE to send January Newsletter</p>
8.	<p>Next Forum meeting</p> <p>Agreed date for February 24th</p>	<p>IE to start drafting an agenda</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG is concerned about some issues raised about OPDC planning applications and permissions. • CG was approached by one of our members - Desmond Hall - the pastor at the church on the corner of Scrubs lane is trying to get a group together to sort out what happens to the church if the development goes ahead. 	<p>CG will resume everything in a document for the CM to look at</p>

	<p>They don't have the funds to build the church; they may be given the space he was looking at sale opportunities. Still, he wants to put a group together, and maybe HNF can support its field of expertise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG also reported developments further down all consented simultaneously, but they have the same problem. Besides, there's not going to be a railway station at Hyde Rd - these big blocks have no access to extra transport, and the proposal would be that they would put on more buses which is the 220. Putting more buses to service for the people who want to get on in Scrubs Lane means that the bus can travel through Harlesden to the terminus mostly empty. Harlesden could end up with a whole load more buses driving through. • MJ thanks CG and ask him to send a proposal of action to the CM 	
10.	<p>Date and venue of the next committee meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 9th February 2021 6:30 pm</p>	IE will draft an Agenda