

Harlesden, 28th July 2020

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Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum - Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Date and time of the meeting	Wednesday 19 th August 2020 – 6.00-7.00pm
Location	Online Zoom
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE), Paul Anders (PA), Colin George (CG), Madeleine Jennings (MJ), Sandra White (SW) Margaret Cox (MC)
Guests	
Apologies	Atara Fridler (AF),
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 28/07/2020 meeting adopted. 	
2.	<p>Harlesden inclusive growth</p> <p>THE BEAT LONDON 103.6FM are submitting a bid to Brent Council's (NCIL) fund. The project addresses inequalities in BAME demographic in the BRENT community by providing a much-needed upgrade in the station's training infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee approved the support letter for The Beat application • SW and MJ gave updates on joint activities with BANG Edutainment. They had a meeting with YBF and talked about previous commitments with Bang Edutainment to involve Young people participate in a consultation on redesigning spaces in Harlesden(Picture Palace, for example). YBF showcased the use of Mentimeter presentation and other online tools to engage young people meaningfully and not a form of tokenism. Thanks to the partnership with YBF, we could be able to involve several groups of young people in shaping Harlesden town centre. • MJ and SW ask the Committee to pay the service to YBF to run such consultation and look for appropriate funding. • CG asks what the difference between this new consultation and the original project with BANG Edutainment is. • MJ, SW, IE referenced the original project explaining that this consultation is part of the original plan and specifically on the outcomes concerning places and people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Bringing buildings back into use</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> IE send a signed letter of support to the Beat <input type="checkbox"/> SW and MJ will get a quote from YBF <input type="checkbox"/> IE and Committee will look for funding to run this consultation <input type="checkbox"/> The original bid as Harlesden Trust would need to be updated and MJ and SW will liaise with Bang Edutainment and YBF personally.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving the look and feel of public spaces - Creating cultural spaces - Strengthening community cohesion and a sense of belonging - Becoming more involved and invested in development processes which can affect future change 	
3.	<p>Planning Applications procedure and forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CG informed that the section for membership involvement would be ready for the next meeting ● Committee supported the request of The Salvation Army proposal for the renewal of the community space and NCIL application ● CG supports it but has a little reservation around the fact that space belongs to a Christian organisation whilst spaces would need to be more inclusive of different faith and beliefs. ● MJ supports the idea that other spaces available in the area should be possibly more accessible and managed by organisations which either have different faith background or not focusing on faith as the primary value. 	<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. <input type="checkbox"/> IE will remind CJ
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 for decommissioning of cables from September 2020 to allow more consultation within the community. This is a big problem for all people who use this for walking and cycling. ● MJ sent 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. ● National Grid answered that they are working with TfL to ensure diversion routes are as close to the canal as possible. ● PA asked MJ to continue the conversation with National Grid asking to find a method to inform the community in a broader spectrum and publish results of the consultations had until now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MJ will send a further request to National Grid as suggested by PA
5.	<p>OPDC – Harlesden Canal & Old Oak Lane Towpath Ramp</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"> ● MJ updated on OPDC setting a meeting with us. The meeting will take place in September ● 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. ● CG suggested the Committee not to spend much time on the Union Canal junction since there are not many things that can be done in that space and the actual design seems to cover all. ● IE invited Committee to take part in the public consultation for the Gran union canal via Survey and online meeting: "(OPDC) and the Grand Union Canal - the future!". Sep 28, 2020 07:30 PM London 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Committee to meet with the OPDC and the collective of residents for that area. <input type="checkbox"/> To set an agenda point on this for the next meeting. <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

		<p><i>Joint Head of Communications and Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> IE to send the link for the Zoom meeting on the Grand Union canal MJ, CG, SW, IE will take part.
6.	<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 would close at the end of August. ● 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 shared again that people will also be consulted by Brent Council, which 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. ● IE updated Committee on new members gained through the newsletter and online activities like Survey and consultations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Committee to involve residents in taking part in the Survey. <input type="checkbox"/> IE to close Survey on 01/08/2020 via newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> IE, To draft application <p>link to re-designation folder link to the draft timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MJ and Committee to boost communication around redesignation <input type="checkbox"/> CG and MC will design a new leaflet to recruit new members
7.	<p>Veolia's 2020 funding 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"> ● MJ reported on further development with Bramshill Open Space Committee and their clean up idea. MJ organised a meeting with Renette ad Anna Doyle, the town manager which was positive ● IE invited Committee to organise a pilot with Bramshill Open Space Brent - The Great British September Clean up. ● The Committee supports the idea to organise it at Bramshill Open Space on 12th September 2020 ● MC reported about streets in Harlesden not correctly clean and wondered if we could liaise with Brent on this issue. ● IE explained that there are several issues around the problem and need a systemic approach – applying to the fund should partially work on that. ● MJ and CG supported the idea to invite the critical contact for Brent environmental services to one of our meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MJ to fill the google form for the Great British Clean up <input type="checkbox"/> IE, SW to follow up with Veolia about concept note for the Community fund. To write to james.mason@veolia.com <input type="checkbox"/> IE to send initial concept note of application to Veolia fund to MC

8.	<p>Organisational setup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee took note of the state of implementation. a) <i>Bank signature for Maddie and Ilaria is ongoing</i> b) <i>Trust 4 London 2nd instalment and reporting</i> • Recruitment of new trustees – The Committee approved the membership of Errol Donald as a new trustee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MJ will be in touch with ED to inform him about the decision <input type="checkbox"/> IE to send change of signature form to T4L
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. They need some time to put the info together.</p>	<p>moved to mid-September meeting</p>
10.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWAYDAY booked for Wednesday evening 16th September 2020 • AGM booked for Wednesday 14th October 2020 	<p>IE, MJ to draft an agenda for the AWAYDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To look into the Government extra funding available to neighbourhood forums Business and Planning Act 2020. Look at website
11.	<p>Date and venue of the next committee meeting</p> <p>The Committee is adjourned on Wednesday 2nd September 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> IE will send Agenda on 1/09/2020