

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 7 October 2015, 6:30 pm

Attending:

Janine Griffis (JG)
Vicki Harding (VH)
Sowmya Parthasarathy (SP)
Fiona Reeve (FR)
Stephen Taylor (ST)
Jeremy Wootliff (JW)
Linda Chung (LC)
Councillor Stephen Stark (CSS)
Stuart Flude (SF)
David Castle (DC)
Bob Buhr (BB)
Andrew Haslam-Jones (AHJ)

Also Attending:

Oliver Froment (OF)

Apologies:

Councillor Siobhan Baillie
Councillor Theo Blackwell
Councillor Maeve McCormack
Councillor Lorraine Revah
Councillor Oliver Cooper
Councillor Tom Currie
Eileen Neilson
Ben van Bruggen
Alex Nicoll
Melissa Remus Elliot

Location: Roebuck, Pond Street

1. Minutes of Last Meeting; Matters Arising

The minutes of the last Committee meeting, held on 9 September 2015, were approved without amendment.

The meeting discussed the following matters:

- Representation to de-designate MOL adjacent to Sandy Road: the land was a garden previously. The developer has produced a 60 page report that appears to contain many factual inaccuracies. On behalf of the Forum, FR has written a letter opposed to the proposal to de-designate. Bob Warnock, Heath Superintendent, is planning to report on the representation as well. CSS has arranged a meeting with Andrew Briggs, Camden's principal planner in early November before the Camden decision

on the planning application. LC suggested there was a precedent issue. DC pointed out that several significant gardens on the fringes of the Heath were not protected by an MOL status, an issue that the Heath and Hampstead Society was taking up.

- Empty shops: we discussed language that we had included in the draft Plan to encourage landowners to fill their shops quickly. It was agreed that the current language supporting temporary change of use needed revising.

2. Conservation Area Statement Review

SP, DC and JG have been refining the revised character areas for the Hampstead Conservation Area Statement and the Neighbourhood Plan. SP presented a diagram showing the revised character areas and how they relate to the current 8 subareas. The existing descriptions of the 8 subareas have been revised by volunteers and DC is reviewing.

3. Mapping

It was reported that Camden had made available some mapping that could be accessed using the freely downloadable software QGIS. FR reported that there were 8 maps being used in the plan. QGIS software has many features that can be filtered, e.g. basement developments, cycle routes, bore holes. JG asked who would gather the information to be plugged into the map. VH said that she had enlisted the help of the Heath and Hampstead Society and Redfrog residents' association to gather data on various categories of trees and hedgerows. DC said that other townscape features could also be added. CSS added that Camden's basement mapping for 2011-14 had also gone live.

4. Update on Projects

- A. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – It is estimated by Camden that the CIL available for Hampstead Town Ward will average £20k per annum (25% of the total CIL collected in the ward). This year, the 25% available for Hampstead Town Ward is £718k (largely due to the Bertram Convent development). The CIL for 2015 in the Frognaal & Fitzjohn's Ward will amount to more than £300k. The CIL can be used for a range of infrastructure, education and leisure projects. The deadline for making proposals is 8 January 2016. A community consultation was suggested. SF asked if there was a time constraint or could the money be banked and used later. CSS said he would get the person running the CIL (Rohit Talwer) to speak to the forum committee and that money would be available later. FR suggested we canvass our members using Survey Monkey.
- B. Protect our Pubs Campaign/ACVs (Assets of Community Value)** – More detail was needed for the Duke of Hamilton, the King William IV and the Holly Bush applications. The Old White Bear is being sold.
- C. Traffic/Pollution Study** – ST said with the help of Guy Hineirosa 30 sites for monitoring of air pollution had been identified. There would be an action day in November and one a month later in order to take down the monitoring tubes. Highgate did a similar study two years ago. It was suggested that a further study should be conducted outside term time. The Forum is looking for £200-600 for contributions to fund the scheme. CSS mentioned that Camden was monitoring Frognaal Way and Swiss Cottage.

JG mentioned that Eileen Neilson would be arranging an accessibility meeting for older residents at Henderson Court.

5. Finances

Current costs are £20pm for Nationbuilder and £70 for two years for registering the domain.

6. Website

The website should have a way of logging who makes comments on what date and what response was given.

7. AOB

DC, JG and CSS would put together a response to the comments received from the NW3 business group.

BB reported that the Abacus School would be in the King's Cross area for another year having moved from the old Hampstead Town Hall. The old police station would be ready in 2017.

As CIL project, there was a recommendation for a cycle path from Rosslyn Hill to Chalk Farm.

OF asked if the Forum Plan could include construction traffic limitations and loud work limitations in the same way that they have been brought in in Kensington and Chelsea.

8. Dates of future meetings

Wednesday, 4 November 2015