

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, 6:30 pm

Attending:

Janine Griffis (JG)
Vicki Harding (VH)
Stephen Taylor (ST)
Stuart Flude (SF)
Andrew Haslam-Jones (AH-J)
Alex Nicoll (AN)
Linda Chung (LC)
Councillor Tom Currie (TC)
Councillor Stephen Stark (SS)

Also Attending:

Peter Kohl

Apologies:

Councillor Siobhan Baillie
Councillor Theo Blackwell
Councillor Maeve McCormack
Councillor Lorraine Revah
Councillor Oliver Cooper
David Castle
Fiona Reeve
Bob Buhr
Melissa Remus Elliot
Jeremy Wootliff
Eileen Nielson
Sowmya Parthasarathy
Ben van Bruggen

Location: The Magdala Tavern, South Hill Park

1. Minutes of Last Meeting; Matters Arising

The minutes of the last committee meeting, held on 3 February 2016, were approved with no amendments.

In matters arising, JG noted that all such items would be dealt with later in this meeting's agenda items.

2. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

JG said that responses on the draft Plan were due from Camden's planning department by mid-February and from the Forum's consultants by 5th February.

JG noted that Camden had recently issued a new draft of its Local Plan, which had been circulated to all committee members. TC said that this draft had been approved by Camden's cabinet and full council, prior to circulation for further public consultation. The committee discussed a couple of items of useful changes to the revised Local Plan, such as policies relating to school traffic, where the Forum's Plan could support the Local Plan's policies and perhaps consider adding to them.

The committee discussed various issues relating to the evidence base for various parts of the Forum's draft Plan. VH noted, for example, that RedFrog had recently received an ARUP report on water courses that covered, in part, certain Forum areas, which may be useful to include in the Plan's evidence.

3. Annual General Meeting

The committee discussed and agreed on various agenda items for the Forum's upcoming AGM. AN agreed to prepare and distribute an email notice to members, which would include highlights of the agenda for the meeting.

4. Conservation Area Review

AN gave a brief update on the Hampstead conservation area review process.

5. Projects

A. CIL Survey

JG gave a brief review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) survey that had been conducted by the Forum. Approximately 238 responses had been received from the online survey. A written summary of the results were circulated to the committee members, and AN noted that a summary also had been posted on the Forum's website. The committee discussed the results of residents' preferences for various CIL projects and suggestions for possible priorities for CIL spending. SS agreed to present the survey findings to Camden council. SS also noted that each project would need to present details, including estimated costings, to support its application for CIL funds.

B. Pollution Study

ST gave a review of the recent pollution study conducted by Forum members, which measured NO₂ particulates. A written summary of the study data was circulated to committee members. ST noted that data received on several main streets exceeded EU limits, and furthermore that according to the World Health Organisation there were no safe limits for NO₂ particulates. He agreed to compile the study results to include in a Forum press release.

6. AOB

A. LC gave a brief presentation on the recently formed Community Land Trust (CLT) that had submitted a bid to acquire Wells Court from Camden council. A summary of the bid proposal had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. LC mentioned that the CLT proposed that Wells Court could be redeveloped to provide new housing units with approximately two-thirds of such units comprising affordable housing. In regard to the Forum's role relating to planning issues, LC agreed to assemble and circulate information on how planning policies could be connected to community land trusts.

B. JG reported that the NW3 business group was soon to consult local businesses on whether or not to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) in Hampstead. JG noted that the NW3 business group had contacted the Forum to express its desire to work with the Forum if and when the BID is established.

C. The committee had a brief discussion relating to the proposed creation of a parish council in Hampstead.

7. Dates of future meetings

Thursday, 3 March 2016 (AGM) St Stephen's Rosslyn Hill
Wednesday, 4 May 2016
Wednesday, 8 June 2016
Wednesday, 6 July 2016
Wednesday, 7 September 2016
Wednesday, 5 October 2016
Wednesday, 2 November 2016