

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum: Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Arnika Restaurant , Harlesden

| Item | Minutes  | Actions |
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| 1    | <p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leão welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.</li> <li>• Leão asked everyone to review the minutes from the last meeting.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A member asked why there was no mention of the GUA and that we should work together.</li> <li>- Colin responded that Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee Members do attend their meetings and stay in contact.</li> <li>- The member then asked about the question of affordable housing and whether or not the Forum should push for social housing.</li> <li>- Paul answered that with the current government there is a limit to what is possible but we are conscious of the need.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and adopted by members.</li> </ul>   |         |
| 2a   | <p><b>Annual Report Highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leão went through the highlights and key events that have occurred since the last AGM which include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishment of working groups</li> <li>▪ Forum and boundary area formally approved thanks to Brent Council and OPDC</li> <li>▪ Sub Group created by OPDC and Brent Council to ensure Harlesden is considered in the development plans and to monitor the possible impacts of the development on Harlesden</li> <li>▪ Meetings to date</li> <li>▪ BIMBY Presentation</li> <li>▪ Drafting of Chapters supported by Ken.</li> <li>▪ Work ahead with the coming consultations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Leão then invited Paul to say a few words on the finances</li> <li>• Paul said that the Forum started with a grant from the DCLG of £6,000 and ended up with a balance of £0. The majority of the finances were spent on consulting.</li> <li>• Paul then stated that is important for the forum to look to the future in terms of more funding options and open a Forum bank account.</li> <li>• A member asked if the same funding can be applied for this year.</li> </ul> |         |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sumathi explained that it can be – the Forum is eligible to apply for a further £2000-3000 within the current funding round and as a complex area of deprivation it could be entitled to apply for further funding beyond this.</li> <li>The Annual Report can be viewed here: <a href="http://www.liftpeople.org.uk/news/3695/">http://www.liftpeople.org.uk/news/3695/</a></li> </ul>   |  |
|   | <p><b>Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leão introduced Forum member David Craine as chair of the election</li> <li>David said that there were eight submissions for committee membership received but that a member, Colin George, had claimed to have also submitted his application within the deadline though the secretary had no record of receiving it.</li> <li>Leão suggested that Colin be allowed to stand for committee on the condition that he can provide proof that he had complied with the constitution and submitted the email before the April 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. David put Leão’s proposal to the Forum.</li> <li>Atara seconded David’s proposal and the Forum agreed to let Colin stand on the condition that he can provide proof he had complied with the constitution and submitted the email before the April 6<sup>th</sup> Deadline.</li> <li>David explained that there are 9 committee positions available and 9 candidates that will be confirmed by an individual vote, as stated in the constitution. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak before the vote.</li> <li>The candidates for committee membership were: Paul Anders, Kathryn Cook, Amanda Diamond, Atara Fridler, R.F Leão Neto, Sumathi Pathmanaban, Mark Cozens, Marco Torquati, Colin George</li> <li>All Candidates were elected by the Forum.</li> </ul> | <p>Colin must furnish proof of application and submitted the email before the April 6<sup>th</sup> Deadline.</p> |
| 8 | <p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leão showed the letter from Atara, Director of Crisis Skylight Brent, stating that the original MoU between Lift and the Forum still stands despite Lift having merged with Crisis UK to become Crisis Brent</li> <li>Leão asked if there was any other business</li> </ul>  |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A member stated that Neighbourhood Forums were being established in Old Oak, Stonebridge and Park Centre</li><li>• A member said that the Forum should do more to engage with counsellors as a link to the civic centre and Brent Council and it was agreed that ward counsellors would be invited as advisors to the committee</li><li>• Leão thanked everyone for coming and said the AGM will take place the 13<sup>th</sup> of July</li><li>• Members signed up to the various working groups and celebrated the first year of the Neighbourhood Forum with cake</li></ul> |  |
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\*There were 19 Forum members present to qualify the meeting as an Annual General Meeting, as designated by the constitution (requirement of a minimum of 15 members present)