

HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014

7.30 – 9PM COMMUNITY ROOM HAM LIBRARY

1. Welcome ; Introduction : Apologies: Joe Noble, Steve Pratley, Ros Elliott, Andrew Beedham, Justine Glynn proffered apologies.

2. Establishment of Ground Rules: MB asked for feedback re. the way we work as a committee. All need to be involved and would be presented by name against Agenda items.

3. Approve last meeting notes, discuss actions: Names were amended. Dr D Zeuner, Medical Officer, is to be represented at meetings.

4. Finance , fund-raising, bank account: the account has been approved and is complete. There is no money in it at present! It was suggested a Draft application to Council's local fund could be made; this is at present 'frozen'. Mentioned there are other bodies to approach for funding – but we need a Project name to offer.

5. Information exchange; update on diary dates and general events: MB commenced with an outline of progress at Grey Court school. JH reiterated thoughts re. more equal residents' representation. SH commented on contentious concreting on Parade paths. St.Peter's was proceeding with Vancouver day. Friends of Ham Library were building up a programme of events. There is to be a Festival in September involving the Borough generally. Ham Amenities Group is to sound out local residents re a Friendship Festival for the Fair's commemoration of the 100 year W.W.1 Anniversary. Ham and Petersham Association has a formal programme of clearing up locally; examples were given. There is some funding spare for local purposes – gunneras for the garden were agreed.

6. Meetings with Council and revised timeline: we were asked to scrutinise p.8 of the provided paper. AR suggested the timing was ambitious; it needed to be slowed down; and a provisional May'16 is being mooted. There was concern over how this would be received by the public. Should the 3rd April meeting be postponed whilst a pamphlet/crib sheet was prepared? DW put forward 3 strands – perceptions : process of production of the plan : simple strategy statement, this to concern engagement from whatever purpose / vision.

MB saw this as key for the meeting. We could use the materials available for what to put to the public. There was discussion of combining the marketing and engagement plans; then, should this be brainstormed or delegated to a smaller group?

CB reminded us of the necessary background; urged identification of local issues; sense of a 'snapshot' of the Forum area. After further discussion MB summarised the work to be done:- prioritise needs from area maps and incorporate the village plan numbers available to us. Also, to consider the STYLE of the 3rd April meeting.

Proposal: 1. JH to circulate a rhetorical question re. formulation of the Draft plan to committee members

2.. members to respond with their ideas by Tues 18th Feb.

The 11th March meeting would concentrate on planning for the public meeting 3rd April.

Grey Court would prepare / distribute.

DW commented on aspects of the HAPPI document, to keep its content general rather than specific.

Remaining Agenda items had been subsumed in the wide-ranging discussion. The general agreement is to consolidate the Forum purpose and to hold on to procedure pro tem.

The meeting ended at 9pm. A list of attenders is retained.