

HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th March in the
Community room, Ham Library, 7.30 – 9pm

1. Welcome; Introductions; Apologies: In the absence of Maggie Bailey the Meeting was to be chaired by Vice-chair, Justine Glynn.

A visitor to the meeting was introduced: Rob McRae-Adams, from Integrated Neurological Services linked to Community Partnership.

Apologies were received from:- Sarah Sinclair; Jean Loveland; Penny Frost; Joe Noble; Maggie Bailey; Brian Willman; Ros Elliott

2. Approve last meeting notes, Discuss: some amendments were requested. It was agreed Draft Minutes be sent to SP for preliminary circulation.

3. Mission Statement discussion: Thanks were offered to GB for collating the members' contributions. Agreed the aim was to complete the Statement by identifying **shared key elements**. AP produced Flip charts which highlighted these. She spoke to VALUES – the qualities needed for execution of the Plan; and its PURPOSE. These were written large on stickers and presented for the committee's perusal.

A total practical exercise followed, in which members grouped the features suggested by AFFINITY e.g. empowerment – green spaces – engagement. There was much discussion, scrutiny of the statements from members.

A strong element to emerge was the power to influence / decide our future; to produce a community-led plan which protects the community's aims / hopes for the future.

A provisional statement was devised through prolonged discussion. Like:- 'bring the community together to have a strong say in deciding the future shape of our special, semi-rural character and history.

JH will compile and circulate the outcome.

R.M-A now spoke to his remit, to scrutinise existing and needed services, using voluntary and private provisions when appropriate. Examples of his work were given; also the suggestion he could possibly form an Agenda item with the Forum, to help identify the vulnerable.

4. Finance, fundraising, bank account: We have applied to Locality (government agency supporting Neighbourhood Forums) for a standard £7000 grant and a response has been promised within ten working days. We have also applied to the Borough for financial assistance."

There is to be contact with David Carlisle re.professional input for mounting a Forum. It was thought we should tender for some such input, from wherever.

Correction to Minutes item 4: "

6. Plan Drafting team update: a HAPPI pro forma flyer was submitted, this to be for circulation, information and broad update; and to encourage attendance at the Forum meetings. There was free-ranging discussion of the presentation, its good points, orientation. Also reservations, suggestions for greater clarity.

It was agreed this work must be completed in conjunction with the Committee's ideas about the 3rd April meeting.

7. 3rd April Public meeting preparation: There were many ideas for a different style of gathering:- roll over / drop in / follow on. There were musings re. the firmness the Committee can use in discussing plans; being prepared to accommodate different / strong views from attenders. It was considered useful to open up some of the Planning topics at Forum meetings; these could influence events.

SP will circulate optional dates for the pre-meeting – 18th /25th March, via Doodle-Poll.

8. AOB ; GB mentioned the website, how we will control and use.

9. Date of next meeting: to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm. A list of attenders is retained.