

HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday, 8th April in the
Community room, Ham Library

1. **Introduction and Apologies:** Sam Payne, Penny Frost,
Sarah Sinclair, Jean Loveland, Geoff Bond, Anne Powell.

2. **Minutes of last meeting / matters arising:** none.

3. **Drop-in sessions:** what went well? They were well-
attended; it was easier for people to talk one-to-one to Forum
members; the whole format seemed better than standard
meetings; leaflet distribution was effective.

What could be better? Organize 'one-to-one' for all comers;
challenge the concentration on 'preservation' and 'semi-rural'
character and point out other entities; emphasize more all who
are to be represented. The difficulties of attendance for
workers must be addressed.

It was determined that the exercise must be taken on to the
streets. Further, the committee must manage peoples'
expectations; point out the next steps, and that some
development is inevitable. 'the Forum is you not us'

AB spoke of the missed synergy with other agencies such as
police, schools etc.

What is to be done with all the information??

There was agreement that consultation is not over – the
committee must seek more input, especially from the younger
generation; we need their views. The aim is to be consultative,
inclusive; the over- all community benefits from a total view.

The biggest item, Ham Close, was scrutinised. It was advised the committee await the outcome of the Prince's Foundation exercise, the Council response, before proceeding – 'we are in the consultative process'.

The committee returned to the question of 'what works for people?'. Our position is as enablers for the community and we must achieve regular availability – stalls, involve the more separate communities – German, other foreign nationals; improve our leaflet distribution lists.

The analysis of data as per board categories is to commence. Entry to other group with the board outlay, to follow:-

1. schools 2. Outside Tesco's 3. Ham Parade 4. Primary schools 5. Churches

SP to do a rota for stall cover – end of May for Tesco, Ham Parade (H.A.G. have a stall here 17th May, for Ham Fair).

MB to contact schools plus poster.

The committee can then, through extension of consultation, embark on totally open consideration of all findings.

GB to be asked about use of the website for comments and relating them to the boards.

4. **Finance:** £7000 is anticipated and a list of 'debtors' is to be made. A further 20% of the total Council input is to be sought. We are also seeking formal agreement for paid Council staff to be free to participate in Forum activities.

ACTION: all expenses to AR

6.Information exchange: Ham and Petersham magazine has ceased trading. There is a general will to keep it going; the

money and worktime aspects were considered, with some early ideas.

Barclays Bank closure was aired, regarding problems for trade, the community, loss of the cashpoint. Sainsburys is thought to be taking over.

A Post Office is opening in St.Richard's Square for a one - year trial – start 11th June, 1pm.

Date / Time / Place of next meeting: Tuesday, 29th April in the Community room, Ham Library.

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