

Minutes of the Marylebone Forum Committee and Plan Making Group meeting – 6rd October 2016.

Held at Streathers, 44 Baker St, W1.

Present:

Kevin Coyne, Michael Bolt, Sarah Hume, Steven Dollond, Andrew Wilson, Hugh Small, Ian Macpherson, Phil Wilson, Amanda Feeney, Stephen Evans, Tim Carnegie, Andrea Merrington, Richard Lovell, Steven Quinn, Sheila D'Souza.

In attendance: Neil Homer.

Apologies:

Kay Buxton, Simon Loomes, Steven Medway.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 2016 need to reflect that Stephen Evans had sent his apologies. Subject to this the minutes were agreed.

2. Matters Arising.

SDS expressed concern that the Forum had not commented on the TfL Bus Consultation, particularly as the Articles of Association specifically refer to transport matters being something affecting the area that the Forum would be involved in. TC explained that the understanding was that the proposals in the consultation were to be completely reconsidered. It was agreed however that this was a matter that the Forum should have commented on and that this would be done in the future.

3. Sub-Committee Reports.

Finance and grants.

MB reported:

The funding applied for from AECOM had been turned down – funding is normally for standard services but DCLG felt the advice being sought was too bespoke. Consideration to be given to whether AECOM could advise on other policy areas.

Lottery Fund monies awaited following approval of a grant.

Governance.

The amendments agreed at the last meeting will be put to the meeting on 10th October for agreement by members.

Publicity and Communications.

A new chairman is still needed.

The Forum website is operating but is in need of updating. Upon enquiry from SD, TC confirmed that an announcement of the Open Meeting on 10th October had been put up on the website.

4. October 10th Open Meeting

KC confirmed that local Councillors had been invited and notice of the meeting and Agenda had been sent out. There had been no feedback on who might be attending.

It was agreed that MB would present at the meeting a summary of ideas and comments received at the Summer Fayre. TC to provide the banner and feedback forms for the meeting.

It was agreed as follows:

- That each Plan Sub Group would provide a short summary of issues it had identified and possible plan policies.
- Contact emails for each convenor to be circulated so that feedback on points raised at the meeting could be provided by those attending.
- Make clear to the meeting that nothing is cast in stone and contributions from those attending is to welcomed.
- KC to mention that he would be standing down in his introduction.
- Date of next AGM to be Thursday 26th January 2017.

5. Sub-Group Reports.

NH reported that summaries had been received from four sub groups and his comment so far is that the groups seem to be struggling to find territory for the NP to occupy.

It was agreed that NH would meet each of the sub groups to review progress and discuss where to go next - look for gaps in policy or policies that don't work in Marylebone because they are so broad brush across the borough. NH advised that it is fine to have a small number of policies rather than minutely worded policies relating to all aspects of policy.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the Library which it is now proposed should be located at Seymour Street leisure Centre. It was agreed that the Lifetime Neighbourhood

group should look at whether the Forum is happy with this or it is felt it could be better located elsewhere.

6. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Streather's offices at 44 Baker Street on 9th November 2016 at 8.30am.

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