

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM LOCAL AGENDA 21 FORUM

The Borough's independent platform, taking initiatives today to improve our Quality of Life in the 21st Century

Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 1 June 1998

Present

David Wardrop, Gabby Rowberry, Ieuan Prys-Davies, Cathy Maund, Mary Corrall, Oliver Donohue (Trades Council), Louanne Tranchell, Sumita Sinha, Sue Ingham, David Rowe, Pat Cox, Richard Adam

- 1] Apologies Caroline Randall, Mike Lachowitz, Anthony Lambert, Rodd Browne**
- 2] Welcome Oliver Donohue (*Hammersmith Trades Council*) was welcomed, replacing Pete Turner. The Chair asked Oliver to pass on the Forum's best wishes to Pete Turner for a speedy recovery.**
- 3] Resignations David Scott (*Tenants' & Residents' Associations*). The committee asked the Chair to pass on their best wishes to David for a speedy recovery.**
- 4] Minutes of Previous Meeting These were agreed as a true record**
- 5] Matters arising There were none.**
- 6] "Opportunities for Change" Sumita Sinha reported that she had submitted a personal response to DETR, stating that she was a member of the Forum Executive. In her response, she had stressed**
 - * that the document did not address the need for a change to a less consumerist form of capitalism**
 - * the need and the potential available to increase sustainability in the construction industry was not given adequate attention**

Mary Corrall reported that she had prepared a preliminary response. She supported the need for reducing waste, especially packaging, and the need for better labelling. She noted the potential problem that reductions in production of material goods could lead to a decrease in employment. She supported the government's ethical trading initiative but was concerned how this could be squared with the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). She stressed the importance of social accounting and supported new initiatives in education, especially in development issues, and those to increase public understanding of biodiversity.

Gabby Rowberry emphasised the need to stress the importance of education in citizenship, and life-long learning, as a key part of sustainable development. The need to link in with the forthcoming Crick Report on this subject was noted and Gabby agreed to fax the Chair with supporting details of current initiatives.

It was agreed that the Chair would summarise Mary's paper, including the comments made by other members of the Committee, and submit it to DETR as the Forum's official

response. It is understood that DETR has agreed to receive comments until end June.

7] Community Plans Louanne Tranchell noted the importance given to "community plans" in "*Opportunities for Change*". In a discussion on how we might raise the profile of the Forum, the Chair noted that its work was relevant to the proposed responsibilities of at least three of the newly-designated Deputies, (Regeneration, *Sally Powell*; Environment & Direct Services, *Michael Cartwright*; Social Inclusion/Community Liaison, *Tim Stanley*)

Following Oliver's proposal that the Forum invite each Deputy to a future meeting, prior to the Council nominating a representative to replace Louanne Tranchell, she advised contacting the Chief Whip (*Cllr Colin Aherne*) seeking guidance in identifying a lead Deputy for Forum matters. This was agreed and that the Chair should refer to Government guidance on LA21s in that they should "*go from the portakabin to the Chief Executive's office*". Richard agreed to send David relevant material together with a one-page summary of the new Council structure to append to the minutes.

8] Don't Choke London David Rowe circulated the programme, enclosed with these Minutes Events relevant to the Forum are:-

07 June London Cycling Campaign Fair

10 June Cyclist's Breakfast/Launch of new Borough Cycle Routes Map

16 June Car-Free Day

25 June LA21 Environment Forum Round Table - chaired by Anthony Lambert

28 June Healthy Walk along riverside

The Chair thanked David Rowe for organising this programme and agreed to send him address labels for circulating the flyer. He agreed to brief Anthony Lambert on issues that might be raised at the "Round Table". David Rowe confirmed that refreshments and recording facilities would be provided and that, working with the Chair, he would ensure that the public's views were adequately reported.

Sue Ingham stated that the Urban Studies Centre would participate in the *Healthy Walk*, with children from local schools responsible for the Riverside Guide who would make a presentation at the event. She hoped that, following a meeting with Jon Castine, schools would participate in the emissions testing programme.

David Rowe stated that LBH&F Directors had been asked not to drive to work on Car-Free Day as an example to staff. Most had agreed, but that it had not been possible to close the staff car-park that day. Staff would be encouraged not to drive to work. He stated that emissions testing would operate at Tesco Brook Green (no suitable locations in Fulham exist). Publication of the results of the consultation exercise on Controlled Parking Zones had been delayed by the election. They will be reported to the relevant Deputy shortly.

9] Home Composting Deferred to next meeting.

10] Community Gardens Conference (Bristol) Cathy Maund reported on the usefulness of this event. Civil servants present appeared responsive. There are 520 community gardens in the UK but no more planned for the LBH&F. Cathy felt the two existing ones worked well together, and more would not be practicable without more resources. Cathy agreed to send the Chair a *Mission Statement* (and 30 flyers) as he felt that the CGA's methods would assist the Forum develop its programme of public involvement and education.

Note: Garden Festival, Godolphin Gardens on 20th June. The Association's AGM will be

held on 13th July.

Cathy confirmed that window boxes could be supplied on request and the CGA was working with Mother & Toddler Groups on this. She noted that Camden Council once ran a window-box service using a converted milk float. She welcomed all offers of help.

11] Work Programme

In introducing this topic, the Chair stated said the Forum needed to decide how to build upon its previous work, and produce a coherent final product. Richard said the Forum needed to increase its membership, and become more representative of the whole community. There was general agreement that one of the main objectives of the Forum was to provide a way by which those whose voices are not normally heard could present their views on how they wanted to improve their own quality of life; the Forum should ensure these views are both heard and listened to. In this connection, the "Round Table" on 25th June would be very important. Education for sustainable development and citizenship is essential also and should be promoted by the Forum, principally through schools working with the Urban Studies Centre.

12] Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair reported that the Forum was solvent. It had carried forward a surplus from last year but would not receive this year's grant from the Council until it submitted a work programme for the next 12 months.

13 Any Other Business

- a) Sumita Sinha reported on the progress of the inquiry into the Kensington Park development, and the "dirty tricks" to which she had been subjected during presentation of her evidence against the developer.
- b) Sumita welcomed the Council's *Red Box & Bag Scheme*, but suggested that the bags should be "posted" back through the letterbox once empty to prevent them being blown away and lost.
- c) The *Green Buildings & Green Refurbishment Exhibition* at the Architecture Centre in Bristol continues until 26th June.
- d) Mary Corral drew attention to *One World Week* in October which will follow the theme of "*Changing Our Landscapes*". It was agreed that this could be relevant to the work of the Forum. She agreed to prepare preliminary ideas for discussion at the next meeting of the Forum.
- e) The committee welcomed the formal opening on 10 June of the new Development Information Centre, 20 Broadway Shopping Centre (close to *Deals*) with which the Forum will be associated.

14] Next Meetings 20th July and 7th September, both at 6.00pm