

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 7 April 1998

Present

David Wardrop (Chair)	Sophie Simon Cllr	Louanne Tranchell	Caroline Randall
David Rowe (LB H&F)	Dave Page	Allan O'Rourke	Sue Ingham
Mary Corrall	Dido Berkeley	Richard Adam (LB H&F)	

1 Apologies Received from Rev J J Clarke, Pat Cox and Anthony Lambert.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February These were agreed as being a true record.

3 Matters arising

a) River Group It was agreed that the Forum should set up a River group. An announcement seeking volunteers should be placed in Streetlife. Also, links should be made with Ali Taylor, Henry Compton School and Our Lady's Church, Sands End. The contribution of children and young people was considered essential.

b) Transport Group The Chair read the report from Anthony Lambert, Chair, Transport Group

4 Hammersmith & Fulham's Community Plan

Cllr Louanne Tranchell introduced the Council's proposals for a Cabinet-style Council. The existing committees would be replaced by an elected executive mayor with six deputy mayors, each identified with an existing service. This would enable other councillors to engage more in public consultation. This would assist the workings of the LA21 Forum, she stated.

In discussion, it was noted that there had not been consultation so far and it was agreed that the Forum should participate in such a programme.

5 Don't Choke London

David Rowe introduced the Council's proposals and invited the Forum to participate. It was agreed that this might be best done through participation on the Fair Trade stand, featuring, say, a cycling breakfast. It was agreed that a group comprising Louanne & Chris Tranchell, Dido Berkeley and Mary Corrall would liaise with David Rowe.

6 Groundwork West London

Caroline Randall, Education Officer, outlined the organisation's current programme. The need to improve access to the river was stressed, especially in Bishops Park which could be used for river traffic when developed.

7 Opportunities for Change

Richard Adam introduced this new government consultation paper which will lead to a National Sustainable Development Strategy. Copies would be sent to interested parties. The need for specific social impact assessments, as demonstrated following certain riverside developments was stressed.

8 Information Shop

Louanne Tranchell stated that the Hammersmith Community Trust would soon move into the Council's Information Shop in Queen Caroline Street (opposite Deals restaurant). She invited the Forum to participate in this public outreach initiative. This was welcomed by the Forum.

9 National Lotteries Charitable Board

David Wardrop reported that the Forum's application for funding support for a community video project had been refused. He and Richard Adam had attended a seminar convened by the LB H&F following that decision and, together with others, had observed that whilst the Board refused to advise applicants why they had failed, confidence in the integrity and fairness of the programme would be compromised. [Note: Recently, the Board has conceded this point and, from the Autumn, will seek to redress this aspect of the funding process]

10 Community Arts

Dave Page of Community Arts introduced its programmes, comprising events like craft markets, funfairs (summer) and parties (winter). The organisation sought venues for such activities, one of which would be a 'Free Celebration for the Millennium'. In discussion, it was suggested that Community Arts approach Acover (Duncan Smith), the Masbro` Centre and the Watermans Arts Centre.

11 Bookmarks

Richard Adam announced that the Council will be introducing bookmarks for distribution through its libraries, costing about £1300/20,000. After discussion, the committee felt that a joint arrangement with, say, Groundwork and the Hammersmith Community Trust should be examined. Alternatively, a pilot programme at a single library could be considered.

12 Date of next meeting 1 June