

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 meeting held on 12 April 2000

1. Present

Matt Dunckley (chair), K.Kaidoo, Sumita Sinha, Mary Corrall, Kate Allen, Louanne Tranchell, Maeraed Keating, Pat Cox, Richard Adam.

2. Apologies for Absence

David Wardrop, Sue Ingham, Dido Berkeley.

3. Matters Arising

Addendum to previous Minutes:-

Mary Corrall distributed a GMO campaign leaflet and WDM's Turning the Tide with proposals for action following the WTO meeting in Seattle which was addressed by David Jay, FoE, at the recent AGM..

Correction

Item 3b. Recycling Kate Allen informed the Committee, not Sue Ingham.

.1 Indicators

David was still waiting to hear from London Transport on the proposed transport indicators. Matt reported that the recent meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel did not seem to show any progress on recycling. A wide-ranging discussion on waste management came to the following conclusions:-

AGREED

the scope for business sponsorship of recycling initiatives should be explored

there is a need for research and publicity into better ways of separating out the valuable elements in the waste stream

the Forum should actively encourage more sustainable initiatives to re-use as much as to recycle waste.

For instance, "scrap stores" could be run in local schools. Kate Allen to report back on an example of this at a future meeting.

.2 River Thames Strategy

Richard reported that Local Agenda 21 participation in the consultation process in other Boroughs was variable. Kensington & Chelsea was not taking part. LA21 groups in Wandsworth and Hounslow were involved, but not necessarily under a "Local Agenda 21" banner. No information had as yet been obtained from Richmond, but LA21 involvement was likely. Louanne reported on a recent consultation meeting in Hammersmith where the issue of luxury housing was raised in discussions on the Thames Embankment site (Sands End).

AGREED

Dido Berkeley should contact all Local Agenda 21 groups in the Strategy area, and other riverside Boroughs to investigate the scope for co-ordinated action.

.3 Finance & Newsletter

Matt reported that the 1999-2000 grant had been paid into the Forum's bank account. He proposed some of it should finance a newsletter. He showed a mock-up produced by Jane Knight for which she will be getting quotes on production costs. The mock-up was generally welcomed and it was-

AGREED

to produce a newsletter

to publish a version on the Forum's web page (see below)

Paul Bassi will publish the accounts at the next meeting

Matt reported that he had written an article on LA21 and the Forum for the June issue of HFM magazine (the Council's magazine for all residents) which will have an Environment theme.

.4 Progress Report to the Council

Richard noted that the publishing of a newsletter should be included in the Forum's 6-monthly progress report to the Council.

AGREED

Matt to liaise with Trevor Harvey of the Council's Environment Department on the timing and required contents of the next progress report, and any other documentation required to secure payment of the 2000/2001 grant.

.5 Healthy Living Centre (HLC)

Richard reported that the bid had passed the first hurdle. The *New Opportunities Fund* had approved our Expression of Interest. A detailed business plan had to be submitted by August. Cathy Maund had prepared a proposal for developing more Community Gardens as our part of the bid and had attended the project planning meeting of all HLC bid partners on 11th April. She would be involved in drawing up the detailed business plan. If the bid was successful, a project worker would be available 2 days a week.

Background to the bid: It will be for £1 million (the maximum allowed) to be distributed equally between three projects:

- to refurbish the White City Health Centre
- to buy equipment and specialist skills
- to employ outreach "Healthy Living Workers". Partner organisations will then bid for the workers' time.

The workers will relate to one of the 4 HLC themes:-

- improving access and participation
- developing skills for healthy living
- reducing health inequalities
- contributing to the local environment

"Community gardens" was the only project submitted under the Environment heading. The current plan is for one project worker to be shared between this project and a similar Groundwork project focused on council estates.

.6 Mapping Exercise

Cathy Maund is currently working on this for Groundwork, and hopes to complete her work by 7th May. Any help from members of the Forum as soon as possible would be appreciated.

4. LA21 Summer Event

Pat passed on apologies from Peter Bishop who was unable to attend.

Kate Allen has been seconded to the Council by Groundwork on a part-time basis in order to co-ordinate this event. She can be contacted on TBA. Pat reported that the commitment of the BBC to the use of their premises for this event on June 24th was still uncertain, so Fulham Palace was being investigated as an alternative venue for centralised events. There will be several fun activities such as recyclable art and school-based projects on days leading up to and including June 24th.

There will be five broad themes:-

- Open Spaces (parks & gardens)
- Biodiversity (including the role of the River Thames)
- Air Quality & Transport
- Use of Resources
- Sustainable Business

Discussion of these themes noted that the *Open Spaces* as a separate theme could be limited so it could be linked with Biodiversity. Similarly, Health was considered an overarching issue common to several themes, rather than a topic by itself. Any ideas should be communicated to Kate at the earliest opportunity.

It was noted that the Godolphin Road Community Gardens Fair will be on June 24th also so the feasibility of linking these events should be considered. For instance, they could share publicity.

AGREED

Matt to officially invite Peter Bishop to the next meeting
a firm decision to be encouraged regarding the main venue as soon as possible
contact groups committed to open spaces, e.g. Friends of Wormwood Scrubs
Matt to discuss co-ordination of Godolphin Fair with Cathy Maund when a date is fixed

5 LA21 and Disability

This item was deferred until the next meeting. Matt said that he had offered to visit HAFAD on their premises to invite the contribution of disabled people on LA21 issues and ask how the Forum could serve their members' interests. David Wardrop had written a short article on disability and LA21 for the HAFAD newsletter.

6 Website

Matt reported that the Council's Webmaster had agreed to host an LA21 Forum page on the LBHF website (<http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/>). It would soon be initiated as a small, mainly written page to introduce the Forum's "philosophy", organisation, activities and contact details. This would evolve over time.

7 H & F Community Health Council

They had asked the Forum to nominate a representative if possible. Matt asked for a volunteer.

8 Dates for the Diary

Details of most events can be obtained from the Information Centre (tel./fax. 020-8748-3079).

Tidy Britain Group: *Riverwalk Clean-Up*. 29th & 30th April
Meet in Saturday 29th Furnival Gardens @9.00am
 Sunday 30th Crabtree pub, Rainville Road @9.00

London - Living City until 9th July

Exhibition. RIBA Architecture Gallery, Portland Place WC1.

Godolphin Community Gardens 7th May From 10.00am

launch, pilot community composting scheme. Window box-making workshop and family fun

9 Any other business

None.

10 Date of next meetings

24th May and 12th July 2000 at the Information Centre from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.