

Hammersmith & Fulham

Local Agenda 21 Forum

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 September, 2001

Attendance Matt Dunckley, *Chair*, Louanne Tranchell, John Ryan, Mary Flynn-O'Connor, John and Doris Lamprell-Jarrett, Nick Pollock, Mary Corral, Paul Channon, Ken Maclean, Louise Madell, Alan Watts (LBH&F), Richard Adam (LBH&F), Sue Ingham, Alex Forrest (LBH&F), John Griffiths, June Knight and David Wardrop

Agenda

1] **Welcome** Matt welcomed Ken Maclean.

2] **Apologies for absence** PC Peter Riches, Sumita Sinha-Jordan, Rod Brown

3] **Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July** These were agreed as a true record.

4] **Farmers Market** Tim Diamond-Brown of English Farmers Markets introduced the format of the Farmers Market comprising about 20 producers to be set up for a 4-month trial period near St Paul's Church, to be held each Thursday.

5] Programmes

5.1 The River Thames

5.1.1 Thames Strategy Matt introduced the London Mayor's strategy document and confirmed that, following pressure, a consultative committee will meet twice-yearly to review matters. Dido Berkeley and Mark Lloyd will serve as representatives of the broader community. The process will provide the opportunity for closer liaison with other boroughs, principally Wandsworth (Mark Davie, Vicky Carroll). LBH&F officers involved will include John Fannon, *Policy & Projects*, Gordon Prangwell, *Thames paths, etc* and Trevor Harvey.

5.1.2 Lots Road The developers are seeking further consultations. It is understood that the RB Kensington & Chelsea has completed public consultations yet the LB Hammersmith & Fulham have yet to start. Richard Adam agreed to identify the responsible officer. **5.2 The Mayor's London Plan** Matt reported that the London Mayor has submitted his Spatial Development Strategy (the London Plan). Following much discussion between local organisations and Victor Anderson, Green Alliance, objections to several features of the Strategy were identified and Matt reported that he had added the Forum's name to the list of organisations with reservations to the proposed Strategy. These objections have been forwarded to the London Mayor.

5.3 Car Free Day, 22 September Matt reported that Councillors had rejected the proposals made by the Forum and Brook Green residents (see Mins 2 July, item 4.3.1) and had made no proposals themselves. Alex Forrest (LBH&F) stated that he hoped to mount an exhibition in the Information Centre on 22 September. The Committee showed disappointment at the Council's lack of initiative on this issue, contrasting its performance to several other London boroughs. It agreed that its views should be published and forwarded to the Mayor.

Members discussed other initiatives (eg Barnstable, wheelchair availability) and the need to develop a clear, agreed programme for 2002.

5.4 Green Travel Alex Forrest reported that the Borough was soon to appoint a Green Travel Plan Coordinator whose initial task would be to advise the council and later to advise local businesses.

5.5 Cycling

5.5.1 LBH&F John Ryan reported that the Borough's Housing Office would follow the DSO in replacing vehicles with bicycles. He reported also that rickshaws would soon be introduced in the Hammersmith Broadway area.

5.5.2 Ground level road crossings John Griffiths reported on his discussions with Kirshid Ahmed, LBH&F, on this matter. The Borough's initial negative reaction appears to have softened but the matter has been forwarded to Simon Franklin, LBH&F Cycling Officer. The Committee agreed to support John's letter to the press on this matter.

6 Recycling

6.1 Recycling Education Matt reported that, together with Groundwork and the Borough, the Forum had submitted to the West London Waste Authority a grant application for an education programme in recycling, initially in Brook Green.

6.2 GLA Waste Strategy A seminar will be held on 15 October. Mary Flynn-O'Connor will represent the Forum.

7 Biodiversity

7.1 West Brompton Station Railtrack agree in principle to ceding to local interests the management and upkeep of the garden behind the northbound platform, continuing to provide £2000 annually. It was agreed that a meeting of interested parties including Groundwork, London Wildlife Trust, Railtrack and the Forum should be called to agree a strategy. It was noted that such a project could attract grants from the Borough and from other parties.

8 Environment Action Plan (EAP)

8.1 The Borough's EAP, comprising a series of tables indicating its current record and aspirant targets, has been published. There are no formal opportunities for modifications an consultation. However, it was agreed that the Forum should seek a copy for review and possible dissemination of major features.

9 Community Initiatives

9.1 Sustainable Business Forum This event will be postponed until later in the year and planning will take advantage from lessons learned from the Groundwork-run event to be held at Park Royal on 20 September.

9.2 Your Borough, Your Future Richard Adam stated that the draft report would be ready by the next meeting.

9.3 Recent Carnivals The Forum has taken stalls at the Blythe Road Carnival, the Godolphin Road Garden Party and the North Fulham Carnival. Matt thanked all who had staffed the stalls at these events.

10 Publicity & Communication

10.1 Local partners Using locally based facilities David Wardrop agreed top contact West London College, Notting Dale College and other bodies who might be able to incorporate the design of the Forum's much-needed promotional material into students' course-work.

11 Forum Finances and Organisation

11.1 Annual grant 2002-2003 David Wardrop agreed to liaise with the Matt and Paul Channon, Hon Treasurer, in preparing this.

12 Any other business

12.1 Fair Trade Week Mary Corral reported on her meetings with the Borough's Tourist Development Officer and she outlined several suggested activities for the coming year. There will be advertisements for One World Week in *HFM* and in the Hammersmith Central Library.

13 Future meetings

October

15 **Executive Committee** **Health and disability issues to be discussed**

21-28 **One World Week**

November

3 **Christian Aid Carnival** **assemble 12.30 Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Imperial War Museum, SE1**

29 **AGM** **Lilla Huset 6.00pm**