

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 of the Executive Committee held on 12 October 1999 at the Development Information Centre

Present

David Wardrop (Chair) Gabby Rowberry, Louanne Tranchell, Cllr Gerald Johnson, Anthea Cooke, Iuean Rhys-Davies, Pat Cox, Mary Corral, Karen Proctor, Caroline Randall, Dela Foster, Richard Adam, Rod Brown, Gerald Coogan and Mr Kadoo.

1] **Welcome to new members** David Wardrop welcomed those new to meetings of the committee, and to observers.

2] **Apologies for absence** These were received from Sumita Sinha, Sue Ingham, Anthony Lambert, Lester Holloway and Mike Lachowicz.

3] **Minutes of Previous Meeting** These were agreed as a true record.

4] Matters Arising

4.1 Education in Citizenship Planning The Crick Report on this subject is now available through QCA publications. The Committee noted that whilst supported by DfEE, no guidelines were anticipated and therefore, local initiatives would be needed, probably requiring NGO input. The proposed initiative agreed at the last meeting was endorsed.

4.2 Cathnor Park Caroline Randall (Groundwork) reported on progress in the park, stating that completion was anticipated in December.

4.3 London 21 The Committee agreed that David Wardrop and Gabby Rowberry should represent the borough as members of the newly-established company, *London 21*. The first meeting of the Shadow board will take place on 7 November. All are welcome. [Contact David Wardrop]

4.4 LA21 WorldWideWeb Site Richard Adam reported that he and Paul Bassi had met the designer of the *London 21* website. It is hoped that a pilot site can be demonstrated at the AGM. The Committee agreed to pay Maxwell Allen the sum of £200 to create a site for the Forum, linking both the *London 21* and lbhf.gov.uk sites.

4.5 National Grid Awards Richard Adam reported that the Committee's chosen project for a National Grid grant was, in fact, already in operation in the Borough. The Committee agreed that it should encourage the Council to implement the policy more energetically.

4.6 One World Week Mary Corral reported that the Forum's display was ready for use. The Committee agreed that this should be used again at the London Churches Environment Day.

5] **Healthy Living Centres** Anthea Cooke, LB H&F Health & Strategy Development Officer, introduced the principle of the concept, noting that its aims were similar to those of Local

Agenda 21. In preparing for its bid for some of the £232 million available through the National Lottery, the Council intended to invite participation from the community in determining their needs, especially for the proposed *Healthy Living Centre*, to be located in the north of the Borough. The Kings Fund would be co-operating in the preparation for an *Open Agenda* consultation exercise some time in Spring 1999. Volunteers from *Students for Sustainability* would act as ambassadors, encouraging the community to come forward with ideas.

The Committee agreed to support the scheme and asked Anthea Cooke to draw up a formal proposal, including financial implications, for ratification at the AGM.

The Committee also agreed to Richard Adam's proposal to approach *Students for Sustainability*, seeking whether they might act as ambassadors for the Forum, alongside their work for the *Healthy Living Centre*.

6] The Borough's Progress in recycling Rod Brown, Principal Environment Protection Officer, updated the Committee on current initiatives taken by the Council in this field. He stated that he hoped that his Department would work closely with the Forum, especially on estates where the size and layout of buildings made recycling programmes difficult. The idea of setting up a 'league table' for wards would be difficult, he said, as refuse collection vehicles which cover a number of adjacent wards were not equipped to weigh the loads from each one. David Wardrop confirmed the Forum's wish to work closely with the Council and passed Rod Brown a dossier of all the Forum's dealings with the Council over the past two years.

7] Recycling furniture within the Borough Karen Proctor informed the Committee that *Furnish*, a registered charity, collected, repaired and distributed about 4 tons of unwanted furniture weekly. New initiatives, to employ those referred by the Probation Service and those serving Community Service Court Orders, were also being piloted. A recent Lottery grant would enable the service to expand to service asylum seekers, those with Special Needs and other disadvantaged groups.

The Committee agreed that the work of *Furnish* was consistent with the aims of LA21 and Karen Proctor agreed to consider how its work could be best linked with the Forum's anticipated statement.

8] Performance Indicators David Wardrop reported on further correspondence with the Ealing, Hounslow & Hammersmith Health Promotion Agency and on his efforts to get consistent data for use as indicators. [This information has since become available].

9] Any Other Business

9.1 Dela Foster, Groundwork Trust, introduced the organisation's second year's programme, encouraging small environmental projects, which would be funded by Seagram.

9.2 Richard Adam reported receipt of a circular seeking ideas on the post-millennium use of the Dome.

10] Registration with ENTRUST Item deferred to next meeting

11] Business Plan David Wardrop and Cllr Gerald Johnson will tackle this.

12] Next Meetings Wednesday, 2 December at 6.00 (AGM) and 20 January (6.00pm)