

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM LOCAL AGENDA 21 FORUM

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee
held at the Lilla Huset on 13 May 1997**

Present:

David Wardrop (Chair)	Richard Adam (LB H&F)	Kerree Aherne
Abbas Ali	Jeremy Barratt*	Dido Berkeley
Mary Corral (WDM)	Pat Cox (LB H&F)	Maria Donovan* (UNISON)
Mary Packer* (EHHA)	Ieuan Prys-Davies (USC)	Chris Sherwin*
Cllr Louanne Tranchell (LB H&F)		Pete Turner* (GMB)

1] Apologies for absence: Tim Battle (EHHA), Mike Lachowicz, Anthony Lambert, Romy Shovelton, Joanne Tallentire (Nat Assn of Womens Institutes)

2] Welcome to new members The Chair welcomed those* attending the meeting for the first time.

3] Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March These were agreed as being a true record.

4] Matters arising:

a) River Thames Coordinating Group Dido Berkeley reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting of the LA21 Executive Committee. However, preparation is being made for the creation of ThamesBank. This body would set out to raise public awareness among communities in boroughs bordering the River Thames; seek to improve the environment of the River and its communities along its length, from its source to the sea; advise those who seek to protect the River and its banks and to coordinate the activities of its members and member organisations; press for the formation of a statutory body charged to ensure the integrity of the River, its environs and communities; work with riparian councils and those other relevant authorities to ensure that the River, its environs and communities are properly considered when planning submissions are submitted; and ensure that the membership of ThamesBank is as representative as possible of all communities along the River. She thanked the Committee for its continuing support and agreed to ensure that it would be invited to the launch of ThamesBank.

b) Fulham Football Club, update Dido Berkeley reported that negotiations continued with the Club to mitigate the worst features of the planned development. However, she had authorised an appeal to be lodged against the recent adverse High Court ruling on her appeal against the Inspector's decision to authorise the planned development. Members hoped that the planned River Path could be preserved.

c) "Sixth Health of the Nation Key Area: Environmental Health" Kerree Aherne introduced the joint response (circulated with Agenda) by the Chief Executives of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow Health Agency (EHHA); LB of Ealing; LB of Hounslow and LB H&F to this document. She was unclear how the report and subsequent comments would be handled by the new government. Mary Packer was also

unclear, stressing that Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for Public Health remains committed to promoting the Labour Party's Environmental Health document.

One of the issues (Outdoor Air Quality), flagged by the Chief Executives, was discussed at length. The difficulties in implementing the Borough's Air Quality Management programme were reviewed. It was pointed out that, as the Borough had no real time monitoring facility, the it was difficult to term this as management. It was agreed that the Chair would write to the (acting) Director of Environmental Services seeking clarification on the Borough's management strategy. In the meantime, an ad hoc group comprising the Chair, Jeremy Barratt and ieuau Prys-Davies would meet to determine alternative strategies for the Executive Committee to consider.

Food quality was discussed. It was noted that responsibility for this has been transferred from MAFF to the Ministry for Public Health and, later, the independent food standards agency; recent work on Food Production by Tim Lang (Thames Valley University) was cited. It was noted that, at the recent Open Space at White City, it was proposed that as many people are deterred by fears that restaurant kitchen cleanliness is not up to scratch, the Forum could initiate a 'Clean Kitchen Club', inviting all restaurants to state that their kitchens are open to diners at any time; perhaps after meals have commenced, to deter walk-in trouble-makers.

5] Report: Open Spaces, 12 & 19 April

The Chair reported that these two events had been completed and that the summary of recommendations made would be circulated to all participants. It was agreed that copies of the document should be circulated as widely

It was agreed that Executive Committee members wishing to attend the *Going for Green* meeting (5 June) should be financially supported by the Forum.

6] Future Search Group Richard Adam reported that the *Future Search* group had not met since the last meeting of the Executive Committee. He explained to new members how the *Future Search* works and it was agreed that a 2 page summary introducing *Future Search* should be circulated with these Minutes. Kerree Aherne agreed to lead a group working on the staging of a *Future Search* activity.

7] Transport Working Group

Questionnaire In the absence of Anthony Lambert, Convenor, Transport Group, the Chair introduced the draft questionnaire (attached) for road-users in the Borough. Pete Turner agreed to join the Transport Group.

Road Traffic Reduction Bill The planned meeting with David Bull (LB H&F) to discuss the Council's position on the Bill still has to be arranged.

8] White City Development Anthony Lambert has written to the representative of the developers. It is understood that a public meeting with the developers has been arranged.

9] Indicators:

a] Recycling The Chair reported on his recent meeting with Council officers. He detailed how existing policies gave little opportunity to the community to feel it was involved with these programmes. It was agreed that the Forum's proposals should be documented in an update statement of its decisions on this and other matters. The Chair was asked to write to the Chief Executive, LB H&F, proposing how the Forum could work more closely with the Borough.

b] Transport See (7) above

c] Health The documents summarising the range of Health Indicators (attached to Agenda) was discussed and welcomed. These statistics will form the basis of the Forum's Quick Start indicators. Kerree Aherne was thanked for her work on this topic.

d] Employment The Chair invited assistance in tackling this issue. Pete Turner and Maria Donovan agreed to help. Pete Turner suggested that

e] Social Change The Chair reported on his meeting with HAFAD officers and the receipt from them of headings for indicators. Further work would be undertaken and reported back at the next meeting.

f] LB H&F Reports, Indicators; Health Strategy; Initiatives Richard Adam introduced these documents which, he explained, were the Borough's response to A Local Agenda for London, published by the Association for London Government. The Committee share the view that it was pitiful that the ALG had published such a 'top down' document for Local Agenda 21 (of all things!) and noted that a launch would be made on 18 June.

10] General Election meeting The Chair confirmed that the candidates meeting organised by Fulham Churches Together which the Executive Committee had agreed to support had been well-attended.

11] Event, Ravenscourt Park 21 June It was agreed that the Forum should be represented at this event and that an ad hoc Activity Committee should determine how this should be. The Committee will comprise the Chair, Kerree Aherne and Abbas Ali and will meet on 5 June at 61 Sedlescombe Road at 6.30pm.

12] Newsletter It was agreed that a Newsletter should be produced. The Chair agreed to bring up to date developments since the last Newsletter.

13] Any Other Business There was none.

14] Date of next meetings 14 July and 18 September