

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM LOCAL AGENDA 21 FORUM

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Lilla Huset on 17 March 1996

Present:

David Wardrop (Chair)	Richard Adam	Cllr Louanne Tranchell
Cllr Alexi Sugden	Anthony Lambert	Ieuan Prys-Davies
Dido Berkeley	David Webb	

1] **Apologies of absence:** Mike Lachowicz, Sue Ingham, Cllr Graham Jones, Paula Smith, Mary Corral, Pat Cox.

2] **Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January:** These were agreed as being a true record.

3] **Matters arising:**

a) River Thames Coordinating Group

Dido Berkeley, a member of this body, agreed to report to the Executive on significant developments.

b) "Health of the Nation", summary review

In the absence of Kerree Aherne, this was held over until the next meeting.

c) King Street, Zebra crossing

David Wardrop has yet to ask the opinion of the King Street Group on this matter.

4] **Open Spaces, 12 & 19 April**

Event Planning, Report Richard Adam circulated the proposed publicity strategy. This will involve mailing 400 local organisations, together with those who attended the Open Space last year who will be encouraged to participate in a telephone campaign. The general programme was adopted and an accompanying proposal to use the 43 notice boards in the borough for a period up to three weeks prior to the events at an approx cost of £170 was also agreed. Handbills would be distributed to surgeries, churches and other sympathetic outlets.

Funding David Wardrop confirmed he had asked the managers of J Sainsbury (South event) and Safeway (North event) to supply refreshments. He had yet to contact Walt Disney regarding promotional attractions.

The committee agreed that, notwithstanding the proximity of the General Election, these two events should proceed.

5] **Future Search Group** Richard Adam reported that the Group had not met but that he would approach Kerree Aherne who might be willing to steer this project along.

6] Transport Working Group Anthony Lambert reported on the group's first meeting. Robert Good, (Ealing), presented a summary of the challenges facing his similar group in Ealing. That borough has seven such groups and has held one Open Space-type event and one event targeting local organisations. Their activities have been well-supported by their council which has agreed to formally comment on their imminent report. Anthony stated that their experience would assist us set up our own questionnaires (preferably to include controversial questions). Chris Church, who works with the UN Association's Sustainable Development Unit on LA21 matters, stressed the need for more community involvement. Also the need for all parties to know who else was being consulted, especially when schools and the media were involved. The Group will now start developing questionnaires.

Anthony confirmed he had written to Cllr Sally Powell sharing the Executive's regret that, although all political parties had supported the Road Traffic Reduction Bill, the Borough had distanced itself from this. Cllr Powell's reply is attached to these minutes. The matter will be raised with David Bull.

The committee was informed of the proposed *Don't Choke Britain* campaign in June. This might have three components:

- * *Leave the Car at Home Day* (Chris Church might be able to assist)
- * *Safe Routes to School Week* (This leaves little time for any preparation with schools)
- * *Green Transport Week* (We should contact the Environmental Transport Association)

7] White City The White City Update Newsletter (enclosed) was studied. The committee shared concerns regarding car parking spaces; segregated cycle routes; the modal transport split; bus lanes on Wood Lane; the southerly location of the planned railway station; the opening date; and the policy of 'anchor' stores to offer delivery services, especially to the disabled and elderly (see 9 (e) below). It was agreed that the Forum should maintain contact with the developers and that Anthony Lambert should contact them initially.

It was agreed also that, in keeping with the Forum's policy of working closely with other local bodies, we should contact Andy Sharpe, convenor of the MASBRO Centre, directly or through Cllr Lester Holloway. The views of the CPRE would also be sought.

8] Further Working groups It was agreed that identifying the subjects for such groups would be easier after the two Open Space events in April.

9] Indicators:

a] Recycling Correspondence between David Wardrop and Ian Newton, the Borough's Managing Director, was tabled (see attached). A meeting has since been arranged for 25 March.

b] Transport (see 4 above)

c] Health The Committee was concerned to learn that Kerree Aherne is due to leave the West London Health Promotion Agency, as she had agreed to coordinate the production of identified health indicators. David Wardrop will contact her.

d] Employment David Wardrop is still due to meet Council officers on this matter.

e] Social Change David Wardrop reported on a meeting he had had with Jane Wilmot (Chair, HAFAD) and David Webb on 24 February. They had agreed that some indicators will measure absolute changes in the volume of services, others will reflect the perceptions of the disabled of the way in which the wider community reacts to them.

With regard to the first category, they first discussed transport indicators, the advent of 'kneeling' buses and their distribution. Might this be dependent upon the choice of garages equipped to service these buses? Indicators of taxicard and dial-a-ride usage were also valuable.

Other indicators could register the incidence of Incapacity Benefit payments, relating this to education. Again, guides on the take-up of Evening classes run by the council would be helpful,

indicating what percentage are accessible to the disabled. An easy check could be made on how many hours are attended by those who qualify for discounted tuition fees (essentially the disabled). And what changes are there over time. The percentage of disabled children in integrated schools would be a useful indicator but what would be a target? 100% and if so, why?

Further, a schedule of the borough's sports and keepfit facilities reserved for the disabled would be a good indicator. Perhaps a pilot scheme, measuring the take-up in hours per month, could be tried.

The Access Guide is now totally outdated and needs to be revised prior to being useful as a startpoint as an indicator. It could report on banks, cinemas, council services, supermarkets, theatres, and other public areas, indicating features like steps, counter height and speakpoints.

The issue of Home Delivery Services was discussed, essentially for those who do not qualify for a 'carer' service. A pilot scheme using local shops who will collect orders, say weekly, and deliver from the order could be tried.

The planned relocation of the HAFAD office concerns many users. A measure of how many use HAFAD facilities now (person visits) and how many will use them after it moves should be straightforward. Also, how might the total quality of the service be measured?

With regard to the second category, 'How can HAFAD members measure how the rest of us treat them?', HAFAD will have a brainstorming session at a future Speakeasy meeting. They might arrive at 'The ten most exasperating features where the wider society overlooks the needs of the disabled'. David Wardrop is due to meet HAFAD's Lesley Simes and Caroline Denley on 3 April to take these matters further.

10] Development on the River Dido Berkeley reported that the West London ThamesBank consortium had been formed. It would include the CPRE, LRA, West London River Thames Coordinating Group and other bodies and be concerned with matters on both sides of the river.

It was agreed that the creation of a River Thames Working Group should be determined by matters raised at the Open Space events.

Dido Berkeley also reported that the High Court action relating to the planned development at Fulham Football Club took place the previous week and that a judgement was expected in two weeks. Prior to the case, a press conference had been held in the middle of the river, which showed how the river bank has become an eyesore through the building of inappropriate blocks facing the river. On the landside, these developments had led to ghetto-isation of the community, isolating adjacent groups from each other thus breaking up traditional patterns of society.

The committee reinforced its support for the action that has been taken to date.

11] General Election David Wardrop reported that two PPCs (Labour, Liberal Democrat) had agreed to participate in the Forum's planned meeting. However, noting the pressure that PPCs will be facing in the period immediately preceding the election, it was agreed to approach the *Churches Together* group in Fulham seeking to share our planned event with them. It was felt that questions raised would be similar. It is likely that this event will take place on 24 April.

12] Newsletter David Wardrop stated that he had hoped that Michael McDermott would take a lead on this. [Michael McDermott has since indicated that his contract in Bosnia will commence on 24 March, extending to September].

13] Date of next meetings: 13 May and 14 July