

Hammersmith & Fulham

Local Agenda 21 Forum

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22 January 2002

Present Matt Dunckley (Chair), Chris Amies, Mai Mai Edullantes (USC), John Lamprell-Jarrett, Mary Flynn-O'Connor, Dido Berkeley, Alex Forrest (LBH&F), Mary Corral, Krokaukooma Kadoo, Louanne Tranchell, Sue Ingham and David Wardrop

1 Welcome to new members Matt welcomed Mai Mai Edullantes who is working with the Urban Studies Centre for six months.

2 Apologies for absence Richard Adam, Paul Channon, Nick Pollock, Alan Watts, Tom Buxton, Nicole Newton Schmidt, Sumita Sinha

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October These were agreed as a true record

4 Programmes, continuing

4.1. The River Thames Dido Berkeley reported on the unsatisfactory progress in reaching agreement on securing the a sustainable policy for the river. The previous planning guidance for the river, RPG3B, is being reworked for incorporation into the Mayor's London Plan but in secret, it is claimed. A consortium of interested bodies hopes to coalesce into a viable organisation and thereby exert more concerted pressure in influencing the Mayor's London Strategy.

4.2 Fulham Football Club On 17 January, the High Court rejected the claim by the Fulham Alliance to request the Secretary of State to explain why a request for a public enquiry was refused. It is anticipated that there will be further appeals, lasting up to six months.

4.3 Car Free Day, Sunday, 22 September It was agreed to set up a subcommittee (to include John Griffiths, John Ryan) to work closely with the Borough to ensure proper preparations were in place this year. Alternative key locations were discussed including North End Road (market), King Street and the Hammersmith Bridge approach area. Members supported the proposal that older members of the community take a leading part in the event, perhaps with suitable entertainment at the location. The initiative taken by the city of Bogota, Colombia on Car Free Day 2001 (see <http://www.uncarfreedays.org>) was tabled.

4.4 Green Travel Stephen Beverly has become the responsible Council officer for bike issues and liaising with businesses on green travel plans. He will be working on the *Don't Choke Hammersmith* campaign in late June.

4.5 Cycling issues

4.5.1 Pool bikes Fulham North Area Housing Office will serve as the pilot area for pool bikes in the *New Deals for the Community* (NDC) Area. There will be temporary storage for the scheme, due to start in April. We hope the Council's DSO & Environment departments will be working on the issue of recycled bikes. **4.5.2 Residential Cycle Parking Survey** Alex Forrest tabled a survey document seeking locations needing cycle stands and shelters

(Contact alex.forrest@lbhf.gov.uk).

5 Programmes, new

5.1 Rio+10 It was agreed to set up a subcommittee (inc Mary Corral, Louanne Tranchell, Jane Knight (FoE) and Sue Ingham) to brainstorm ideas for initiatives leading up to the Johannesburg summit (see <http://www.johannesburgsummit.org>). It was agreed that this would cover Rio+10, a review of the Forum's work since inception, national initiatives and 'Vision for the coming decade'. It is hoped the subcommittee can report to the next meeting (6 March) on its proposed scope.

5.2 Ethical Business Forum It was agreed to set up a subcommittee (inc. Mike Robey, Groundwork, Sumita Sinha and Alan Watts, LBH&F) to progress this.

6 Recycling

6.1 Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, 16 January Matt, who represents the Forum on this body, reported that the excessive agenda had led to major issues including Performance Indicators being sidelined by comparatively minor issues (tennis court bookings). It was agreed that he should share his concerns for the effectiveness of the current process with the Panel Chair, Cllr Steve Cowan and Nigel Pallace, Director, Environment Services.

6.2 Recycling Education Application for *Wastewatch* grant, December. Matt reported that this application had yet to be considered and, if successful, would lead to an officer being allocated to work on the proposed project. There will be a further meeting with our partners in the grant application, the Urban Studies Centre and Groundwork West London.

6.3 ActionAid Recycling of toner cartridges It was agreed that the Forum should support this project and, working with the Borough, initiate an awareness-raising campaign with local businesses. David Wardrop will liaise with Richard Adam.

7 Health strategy in the Borough

7.1 Christmas Tree recycling initiative 400 trees were mulched at the Loris Road centre.

8 Biodiversity

8.1 West Brompton Station David Wardrop, John Ryan and Alex Forrest had attended the meeting of the West Brompton Station Users Committee. There, they tabled a proposal to commission London Conservation Services (LCS), the commercial arm of the London Wildlife Trust to submit a report indicating courses of action to re-establish and sustain the wildlife and wetland areas adjacent to the station. Upon receipt of the report (est cost £1000), the Forum would convene a meeting onsite with interested parties (inc Railtrack, Silverlink, Earls Court, Land Securities, LBH&F) to discuss this and propose a cost-sharing structure. The proposal was endorsed and has now been actioned.

8.2 London Boroughs Biodiversity Forum (information) The London Boroughs Biodiversity Forum (LBBF) is a group of local authority officers with an interest in biodiversity. It is closely associated with the London Biodiversity Partnership (LBP, <http://www.lbp.org.uk/>). The Forum will encourage strengthening links between the LBH&F and the LBBF. **8.3 New appointment** Steve McAndrews, an ecologist currently working with LB Hounslow, will join the Borough's staff in mid-March. His brief will include conservation, ecology and biodiversity, and we understand he looks forward to working with the Forum to develop a borough Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)

9 Community Initiatives

9.1 *Your Borough, Your Future* Matt will request publication of this document, promised by the Borough on 26 November.

9.2 Freeform Arts Trust Chris Amies tabled information on this organisation which works alongside community initiatives. It is part-funded by *inter alia* the EU, raising matching funds as appropriate. David Wardrop will establish contact as it was felt its expertise might assist the North Fulham NDC project.

10 Forum Finances Paul Channon, Hon Treasurer, had intended to table a finance report. Matt agreed to discuss with Paul how we should proceed here.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Fair Trade Fortnight, 4-17 March Mary Corral reported on her negotiations to mount a display stand at Tesco, Brook Green and Sainsburys, Chiswick. Matt and Mary Flynn-O'Connor offered to assist.

11.2 Schools activities In December, the Urban Studies Centre will work with the Borough on Over to Youth, a GCSE project looking at post-industrial use of the Thames. It was agreed that the Lots Road site would be eminently suitable for such a project. Matt is now in close touch with the Lots Road Action Group.

12 Future meetings 6 March, 11 April