

# 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 meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26 July 2000

**Present** Matt Dunckley (Chair), Helena McHillary, Paul Bassi, Maria Perez, Chris Amies, Elizabeth Young-Sandy, Louanne Tranchell, Richard Adam (LB H&F), Jon Whitwell (LB H&F), Krokaukooma Kadoo. John Lamprell-Jarrett, Doris Lamprell-Jarrett, David Wardrop,

**1] Apologies for absence** Mary Corral, Kate Allen.

**2] Matters arising** from the meeting held on 24 May

*a) item 3 (b)* Matt stated that he, on behalf of the *Forum*, and *Friends of the Earth* were preparing a joint letter to Cllr Steve Cowan (Chair of the Council's Regeneration & Scrutiny Panel) and Cllr Adam Gray indicating their disappointment that 'recycling initiatives in the Crabtree Ward had failed to capture the imagination of the local community' and suggesting potential improvements to recycling in the borough. Jon Whitwell reported on two surveys on recycling undertaken, one relating to the *Red Box* (10% take-up only) and the other to the *Red Bag* curbside scheme (some residents cease using it if they lose the *Red Bag*). He stated that the *Red Box* scheme would become an opt-out rather than an opt-in scheme from August. This was welcomed. This topic will be put forward also for consideration by the Citizens' Panel.

It was agreed that the joint letter should be sent.

*b) River Thames* The Committee noted that the Greater London Authority (GLA) had set up two commissions to review the future of the river. The Committee noted the judgement by the House of Lords (6 July) in overturning the Secretary of State's decision to grant planning permission to Fulham Football Club for the previous redevelopment proposals which encroached onto the River Thames. It agreed to record its congratulations to Dido Berkeley on her central role in this historic judgement.

*c) Newsletter/webpage* The newsletter was welcomed and the posting of the webpage imminent. A meeting of the Webpage group was arranged for 18 August at 5.00pm at the Information Centre.

*d) Healthy Living Centre, HAFAD* These matters will be raised at the next meeting.

### **3] Review of Our Borough, Our Future**

In a free-ranging discussion, the following observations and recommendations were made.

*a) The event* The event organisers, especially Kate Allen, the co-ordinator, should be warmly congratulated on their initiative. The event had a welcoming atmosphere, much of this due to the attitude of Council staff who had volunteered to participate and to a number of the staff of Groundwork West London.

*b)* Future events would benefit from

- \* bringing the marketplace area closer to the action, and calling it a different name
- \* more centralisation (eg Video Booth)
- \* shortening the introductory addresses,
- \* introducing more local relevance to the workshops, such as good local examples
- \* ensuring that issues beyond directly environmental ones are included on the programme to stress to participants that Agenda 21's mission concerning the 'quality of life' is a holistic one,
- \* reconsidering whether the **Book Now!** suggestion is off-putting,
- \* reconsidering whether a Councillor should be present throughout.

*c) Project Grants*

It was agreed that the Forum should set up projects and seek grant aid from the Council (as announced by Peter Bishop), Groundwork West London and other bodies.

*d) Older people* The active participation of older people in preparing proposals to improve the quality of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century was stressed. It was noted that the Forum's membership as defined in its Constitution overlooks this point and it was agreed this should be rectified. Access to chiropractics and other health-enhancing services should play a part in determining the 'quality of life'. Doris Lamprell-Jarrett, a member of the editorial committee of *The Pensioner*, invited the Forum to contribute an article for its next issue.

*e) Walking* Chris Amies, H&F Pedestrians Association, introduced a discussion on where and with what degree of safety could people walk. How might we identify suitable indicators? John Lamprell-Jarrett, Chair of the Pensioner's Forum, reported on the activities of his organisation as well as offering his services as Chair of the Civil Service Playing Fields Users Association. Helena McHillary raised the issue of cyclists using the towpath.

*f) Next Event* Support should be given to plans for early follow-on events. Suggested locations included Furnival Gardens, using the nearby St Paul's Church; White City; and Shepherds Bush Green.

**4] Publicity** The Committee agreed that the Forum should promote itself in the Hammersmith Hospitals magazine, hopefully to be read by in-patients' visitors.

**Future Event: Furnival Gardens Horticultural Show, 19/20 August**

**5] Next meetings:**

<i>Webpage group</i>	<i>Friday,</i>	<i>18 August, 5pm,</i>
		<i>Hammersmith Information Centre</i>
<i>Forum</i>	<i>Wednesday,</i>	<i>6 September, 6pm</i>
		<i>Hammersmith Information Centre</i>

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