

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 Executive Meeting held on 25th January 2001

Present:

Matt Dunckley (Chair), John Griffiths, Mary Flynn-O'Connor, Doris Lamprell-Jarrett, Emma Clark, Sue Ingham, Nick Pollock, PC Peter Riches, Krokaukooma Kadoo, Mary Corral, Louanne Tranchell, Dido Berkeley, John Ryan, Paul Channon, Sumita Sinha, David Wardrop

1] Apologies for absence Richard Adam, Kate Allen, Angela Dixon

2] Minutes of the last meeting These were agreed as being a true record with the addition under Apologies of Dido Berkeley.

3] Matters arising

3.1: Recycling Matt Dunckley (MD) reported that he and Emma Clark had met Rod Brown, the Borough's Principal Officer, Environment Programmes, to discuss the proposed pilot recycling and waste disposal project in the Brook Green area. While Rod Brown had indicated that the Borough could not take any initiatives for cost reasons, the Committee agreed that it should pursue the proposal vigorously as the experience of such a pilot project would have lessons for the entire borough. The current waste project being run by the Urban Studies Centre at Addison School could serve as a catalyst locally. It was agreed that Emma Clark, Matt Dunckley and David Wardrop should draw up a strategy to involve all potential participants including the Brook Green association, local retailers, schools, local Councillors and the Borough.

3.2: Your Borough, Your Future Grants Scheme MD reported that the 30 applications for grants submitted for the first round had been reviewed by a four-person panel. Ten proposals seeking grants from between £500 to some tens of thousands of pounds had been referred back for more information. The panel will meet next in mid-February. It was agreed that a summary of the proposals would be made available for public inspection in the Information Centre and also on the Forum's website.

3.3: Transport, Cycling John Ryan reported that the Borough's Direct Services Organisation (DSO) which handles maintenance, highways issues had agreed to pilot a programme which would move staff from the familiar red vans to bicycles, loaned by Cycick. This move was warmly welcomed and John Ryan was congratulated on his initiative. It was agreed that Paul Channon would coordinate a PR initiative, liaising with the borough to effect maximum publicity in the borough and the city.

John Ryan reported that Julian Hart, an expert in sustainable development, Dr Roy Colville, Imperial College and PC Peter Riches had joined the Transport & Air Quality sub-committee. He asked for further support from members of the Committee, in

particular by responding to e-mails, however briefly.

4] H & F River Group: The committee discussed the progress of the Thames Strategy-Kew to Chelsea and the concurrent debate on the proposed commercial development of the Hammersmith Embankment. As proposed, the Borough's last remaining boat access point would be lost. Members commented that the Borough and other responsible bodies seemed to take the view that the river was a basically a danger and dirty, rather than an important asset. It was agreed that the meeting of the Borough's Traffic & Management Committee should be followed closely and that the Forum should ally itself to the Blue Ribbon Zone proposals advanced by the GLA. A report of this initiative and a version of a lecture on the subject given by Sumita Sinha should be posted on the Forum's website. Members were informed of the plans for development of the Lots Road Power station by Circadian and to visit the exhibition in its caravan at Ashburnham Road Community Centre from 29 January to 4 February.

5] Biodiversity: MD reported that Ravenscourt Park is proposed to become the Borough's first Local Nature Reserve. An article by Keith Hatch, Groundwork, will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter. It was announced that 21 June is to be Backyard Biodiversity Day. The Committee agreed that this should be supported. Nick Pollock agreed to extract information from material published by the London Wildlife Trust and prepare a draft flyer for distribution. For more information, see www.biodiversity.org/bcis_members.htm and also www.bushcomp.cwc.net for photos of Nick's garden (Gardening) and wildlife defence programmes (Squirrel baffle).

6] Air Quality:

- i) A touch-sensitive display facility linked to the air quality monitoring station at Hammersmith Broadway is to be set up in the Information Centre. Also, this will enable visitors to access information developed from the work undertaken by the Kings College Environmental Research group in association with the Borough in 1999.
- ii) The Borough has been designated by government as an Air Quality Management Area, demanding from the council a strategy for improving air quality to be developed during the next 12 months.
- iii) Coordination of cycle paths. The need to coordinate cycle paths in the area was stressed. The East-West route appeared to be in difficulty as the LB H&F had designated Kings Road as the preferred route and the RB K&C has designated Fulham Road.
- iv) Hammersmith Broadway John Griffiths agreed to revise his plans for a more cycle-friendly layout and submit it for addition with the minutes.

7] Green Business Club: MD reported that a series of business breakfasts had been suggested and that he would report later. This could also tie in with Sumita Sinha's Ethical Business Forum to be held in the Spring. Details would follow at the next meeting. Mary Corral offered to assist if a *Fair Trade* element could feature during the event.

8] North Fulham New Deal for Communities John Griffiths and David Wardrop reported on meetings held by the NDC organisers for the revamping of an area centred round the North End Road from Talgarth Road to half-way down the market. It was agreed that John Griffiths who lives within the designated area should liaise with the NDC staff during the setting up of the planned 15-person panel. Dido Berkeley stressed how the river Thames should be seen to the NDC organisers as a resource to be used in collection with any youth

outreach initiatives planned for the project.

9] Website and newsletter: MD asked for contributions for the Newsletter to be submitted before 15 February. The committee agreed that John Griffiths be authorised to purchase an external modem (app £60) to activate the Forum's computer now located in the Information Centre.

10] Funding opportunities MD stated that monthly issues of Funding News will be deposited in the Information Centre.

11] Dates for the diary

H & F Rivers Group	6 February, 6pm	Information Centre
Fair Trade Fortnight	5-18 March	

12] Any other business

i) Uxbridge Road Rough Nick Pollack informed the Committee that this vacant site near Bloemfontein Road was defined in the existing UDP as green space but that the new UDP has been appealed by the property owner and that the new policy appears seems likely to adopt a 'softer' definition. If so, he stated, this would go against current GLA guidelines. It was agreed that we should publicise our unease with this apparent development, contacting *inter alia* Darren Johnson (GLA) and Mike Parkinson (Gazette).

ii) Speakers at future meetings It was agreed that we should invite Alan Watts, the newly-appointed Town Centre Manager for Hammersmith.

iii) Health Impact Assessments Dido Berkeley agreed to prepare information for the Committee to discuss at a later date.

13] Finance: The Committee agreed to authorise Matt Dunckley, Paul Channon and David Wardrop to complete necessary bank mandate forms to add Paul's name in place of Paul Bassi as a cheque signatory.

14] Dates for next two meetings: 5th March and 9th April 2001, both at 6.00pm to be held at the Information Centre. .

Note: Decisions taken

Item		
3	i	Recycling
	ii	Grants procedure
	iii	Transport
4		River group
5		Biodiversity
8		North Fulham NDC
9		Computer modem
12	i	Uxbridge Road Rough
	ii	Speakers at future meetings
13		Cheque signatories