

**MEETING** INAUGURAL MEETING  
**DATE | TIME** TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015, 6.30PM  
**LOCATION** UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER  
**FACILITATOR** WS  
**NOTE TAKER** SB  
**PRESENT** Shadow executive committee.

NICK BAILEY	NB
SHARON BANOFF	SB
GWILYM HARBOTTLE	GH
ALI MATTHEWS	AM
IAN MILNE	IM
WENDY SHILLAM	WS

65 Forum Members. Tom Kimber (WCC) and Cllr Jonathan Glanz, Observer Matthew Bennett from Soho Neighbourhood Forum.

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- 1. Welcome and apologies** **Presenter** WS

WS welcomed everyone to the first official meeting of the Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum. Apologies from Shadow exec member Yoram Blumann. She thanked those members, now standing down, for their work so far.

WS explained the background to Fitzwest and the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
  - 2. What Should our Neighbourhood Plan Cover** **Presenter** Wendy Shillam

WS explained the topic groups that had been meeting since November and the work that the committee had done during that period. In particular she spoke about the workshop that had been held where all the results from each topic group meeting and other feedback, was fed into a set of proposals for further work.

WS explained the headings and introduced those who would be speaking on each subject. On a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) she gave

more detail on the area and the problems being faced. There then followed a presentation from four members of the Shadow Executive covering four key topics.

Nick Bailey, Gwilym Harbottle, Alison Matthews, Wendy Shillam

### **Topic group presentations**

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- Nick Bailey presented his paper on The Liveable Neighbourhood.
- Gwilym Harbottle presented his paper on Nurturing Independent businesses.
- Alison Matthews presented her paper on Environment.
- Wendy Shillam presented her paper on The Urban Realm.

### **See PowerPoint slides.**

Discussion followed on each. There were a range of questions and comments on subjects such as rubbish collection, parking problems, noise and planning applications. The full list is included below.

### **Group discussion and feedback**

3.

#### **Points raised included:**

- WCC's own policies not being strictly adhered to at the moment
- The lack of green space
- Pressure from extended licensing hours
- Rent for small businesses
- Problems of noise especially at closing times
- Deliveries
- State of the pavements and disabled access
- Fly tipping – lack of enforcement
- Stationary vehicles should turn of their engines – Cllr Glanz confirmed that there was a £50.00 fine for this.
- Noise from car radios
- The need for 24hr resident's parking. Cllr Glanz confirmed that there was a parking review and that could be taken into consideration. IT was also noted that parking in the street helps to calm traffic.
- The nature of consultation for planning and licensing issues was not always of good quality or equitable (now that it is carried out by applicants)
- Provision of cafe's and restaurants
- People smoking outside cafes and pubs
- Traffic speeds – why don't we have a 20MPH like Camden?
- Tottenham Court Road implications for us.

4.

### **Break/informal discussion**

5.

#### **Proposal 1.a**

#### **Resolutions The Plan**

Presenter

Wendy Shillam

The topics to be considered in more detail by the Executive Committee (and in respect of which the Executive Committee shall propose policies/policy options and report back to the members of the Forum via topic group meetings and emails and in future Forum meetings) shall include the following:



There was one abstention.

6. **Business of the Forum**

a)

WS explained two minor changes to the Constitution (to clarify the split between businesses and residents, and the need to set up a CIC). There were some queries on this and it was agreed to adjourn agreement of the Constitution until the next meeting.

b)

**Action: Chair**  
**Election of Executive Committee**

The draft constitution allows for up to ten candidates to be elected by the Forum and for another three to be elected by the executive committee during the year. Wendy Shillam reminded the meeting about a clause that WCC had requested we include in the draft constitution.

Cl. 3.3 of the draft constitution provides:

"Subject to the decision of any general meeting, the committee shall be composed of equal numbers of business/organisation members and residents."

R = Resident member

O = Representative of Organisation

B = Business member

**CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

Nick Bailey R, O

Nick has lived in Fitzrovia for 30 years and teaches at the University of Westminster. He is a member of the Fitzrovia Trust.

Sharon Banoff R

Lived in Fitzrovia for 30yrs and worked nearby (at BBC).

Yoram Blumann R

Involved in the area since 1992, treasurer.

Barbara Corr R

Founder of FitzWest, long time resident and supporter of the area.

Peter Dore-Smith B

Founder of Kaffeine cafes in Great Titchfield Street and Eastcastle Street.

Gwilym Harbottle R

Lawyer. Lived in area over 20 years. Shadow executive member.

Vivien Hughes R

Resident since 1975, now retired from government/academia.

Edwina Lonsdale B

MD Mundi Cruising plc, offering to help edit the newsletter and help set up a business group.

Chris Shaw R, B  
Resident and CEO of local business Shaw Corporation.

Wendy Shillam R, B, O  
Founder of FitzWest, lives in Great Titchfield Street, worked

The above candidates had put themselves forward for election and were accepted unanimously. WS tendered apologies for those of the above who were not able to attend the meeting.

The following candidates had put themselves forward later in the process and the shadow executive were minded to recommend to the Forum that they be considered at the first meeting of the new Executive. There was no objection to the candidates mentioned.

#### **CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION**

Daniel Castle, B  
LDG Estate Agents

(TBC) R  
Representative from Holcroft Court Residents Association.

#### **7. Membership Report**

Gwilym Harbottle presented a short membership report. (See slide show)  
It was suggested that FitzWest set up a newsletter and advertised membership in the local papers.

#### **8. Sum up Overview of tasks**

WS thanked the meeting and apologised for the lack of refreshments. She thanked the University through Nick Bailey for offering the use of the Pavilion Room.

**END 8.30pm**