

MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATE/TIME WEDNESDAY 13 July 2016
LOCATION NVEC MORLEY HOUSE REGENT STREET LONDON W1
FACILITATOR WS
NOTE TAKER SB

PRESENT

Wendy Shillam	WS
Sharon Banoff	SB
Yoram Blumann	YB
Gwilym Harbottle	GH
Nick Bailey	NB
Barbara Corr	BC
Vivien Hughes	VH
Marci Shaw	MS

1. Welcome. WS welcomed guests Rebecca Weissbort and Erica Fuller from the Fitzrovia Centre.
Apologies from Steven Medway, Chris Shaw and Edwina Lonsdale.
2. Declarations of interest – none declared.
3. Questions from the Forum - None
4. Matters arising: None
5. Policies
 - i) Housing (NB/SB). NB's draft paper was discussed, including necessary environmental standards (to benefit from consultant's advice), and in particular re change of use from residential to commercial buildings. NB has now included the sentence: "no change of use should be permitted except where existing housing fails to meet acceptable standards".
 - ii) Green Space (GH). Draft paper accepted. WS suggested a recommendation that WCC consults regularly with FitzWest and other stakeholders, re street trees, and to coordinate a planting project.
 - iii) Transport (BC/WS). It was agreed a 15mph speed limit was preferable to 20mph, but needed to be enforced. BC proposed the introduction of Intelligent Speed Adaptation, which had a positive response.

It was agreed to support the Mayor's T zone charge. Many worries were expressed re the proposed pedestrianisation of Oxford Street, and future bus routes.

WS raised the need to change the gyratory around Gt Portland St tube station and ways to prevent traffic entering Gt Portland St from there.

There was general preference for Gt Titchfield St (at least) to be pedestrianised. (for some of its length)

- iv) Small businesses/commercial (EL + NB/WS). There was discussion on whether the CAZ should be changed as FitzWest has local 'high streets' (eg Mortimer St) not included.

Re small businesses, it was agreed we should object if unit size is increased significantly or there's an intention to lose any within a changed building, so that texture of the area is maintained. .

- v) Conservation areas (VH/YB/WS). Draft proposals accepted. WS had circulated two maps, which indicated CAZ and 'eyesore' buildings. It was agreed we should identify and recommend buildings for recommended re-development.
- vi) Rubbish/Pollution (SM/CW + YB) – postponed till next meeting
- vii) Licencing (YB) – postponed till next meeting.

6. Chairman's Report.

WS reported on Tesco's 'Bags of Help' donation of £10,000, with £7,500 already received. GH agreed to lead a sub-group to lead the work, which is principally for greening at ground level. BC volunteered to join him.

WS updated on the agreed policy adviser. She has spoken to Tom Kimber (ex WCC) who has quoted a fee of £6000+VAT, to review the draft plan, advise on procedure + CIL, and attend meetings. This was accepted by all.

A list of future meetings is enclosed. It was agreed that the AGM and consultation meeting would be put back to early January. The meeting would be in the Fitzrovia Chapel, open from 12-6pm with the formal AGM from 6-7pm.

A meeting with Tom Kimber will be arranged in August.

7. Financial Report

YB reiterated Tesco's £7,500 which has been banked. An amount of £1200 has been reserved for the AGM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting: 21st September, location tbc, Facilitator VH, Notes WS

Wednesday 12 October – Facilitator NB Note taker VH

Wednesday 09 November – Facilitator – CJS Note taker YB

Wednesday 14 December – Facilitator GH Note taker SM

Monday 16 January - public consultation Fitzrovia Chapel TBC