

# FitzWest - Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum

## **Actions and Notes - FitzWest NF - Executive Committee meeting**

**Date held:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 **Time:** 1800-1920

**Venue:** Sainsbury Welcome Centre, 25 Howland Street W1

### **In Attendance:**

Julia Haythorn (JH)

Yoram Blumann (YB)

Ian Johnstone (IJ)

Sharon Banoff (SB)

Gwilym Harbottle (GH)

Barbara Corr (BC) - Chair

Dan Johnson – NWEF (DJ) – Notes and actions

Nick Bailey (NB)

Chris Shaw (CS)

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### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

West End Ward Councillors: Pancho Lewis, Jonathan Glanz, Timothy Barnes.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

No actions noted.

#### **3. Health Check on draft Neighbourhood Plan**

Health-check on draft neighbourhood plan carried out by examiner and approved with only minor wording changes.

Conditions statement was also approved.

A full SEA (environmental statement) is not required because of limited green spaces in Fitzrovia.

(JH) Consultation statement to be completed by JH by COP 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and shared with exec committee

NB reported that WCC will need to advertise the consultation on the draft plan, which will be for a six week period. Following this the examiner approves a referendum. Referendum could take place in June 2020.

DJ to discuss with Jace Tyrrell (NWEF) additional resource to assist with referendum.

YB reported there is £14K cash in the bank account. It was agreed we will need to apply to Locality for further funding to progress the Neighbourhood Plan to next stages.

CS to draft a brief by COP 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb and exec committee to comment by COP 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, for a PR agency to support Neighbourhood Plan consultation and referendum.

#### **4. Forum renewal**

NB reported that WCC indicate this will happen soon, but requires WCC Cabinet Member approval. NB to chase WCC as only two weeks remaining for renewal to be approved.

#### **5. Current & next round of CIL**

Noted that there are four opportunities a year to submit Neighbourhood CIL applications.

DJ to coordinate list of possible projects for exec committee to develop and approve.

Air Quality was noted as a high priority. DJ to develop an air quality monitoring application, coordinated with other West End Neighbourhood Forums and Simon Birkett.

YB and DJ reported that funding for Market Place detailed design is confirmed but WCC is deciding which company it can award the design contract to, which maybe the Oxford Street District design and build contractor Murphy/Carrey. DJ and YB to press WCC to make an early decision.

#### **6. Air Quality Action Plan**

NB to coordinate a response to the consultation on a new Air Quality Action Plan for Westminster by deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. The draft Action Plan can be seen [here](#).

#### **7. Meeting with Riding House- Fitzroy Place on 10 Dec 2019**

CS and YB met with residents to discuss their concerns about the proposed public realm and greening improvements to the road. Noted that some residents are also very supportive of the proposed changes. All residents are supportive of the green wall. NB to encourage WCC to progress the formal public consultation so the project can also be progressed.

Baseline AQ monitoring has been commissioned by the school and is likely to take place next week. This is crucial to demonstrate a before and after change in levels of pollution at this location.

This project could also be a CIL funding application.

#### **8. All Souls Green Wall/Addison Lee**

GH is planning to resubmit the application, with minor changes that address the local police officer's concern about potential crime issues. GH also to ask Secure by Design to review the plans. JH said Yael Saunders of Marylebone Forum also sits on the Police Liaison Committee and maybe able to offer support for this project.

It was also noted that a local resident is seeking the Forum's support for a local planting project funding application and for the Forum to act as the banker. GH to write back to indicate that the Forum is supportive so long as all proper consents and approvals are sought by the resident.

#### **9. Date of next meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Barbara to facilitate and Gwilym to take notes and actions.

#### **10. AOB**

JH to promote rubbish/fly-tipping [app](#) via website and blog.

BC reported Soho Square medical centre is at risk of closure and encourages responses to oppose this happening.

YB reported that WCC new approach to designating [busking](#) locations and reducing use of amplification now includes Market Place.