

## FITZROVIA WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

### EXECUTIVE MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 AT 6PM

#### MINUTES

Apologies: Nick, Esmerelda, Ian, Jace, Cllr. Patrick Lilley and Cllr. Paul Fisher

Present: Gwilym, Julia (chair), Barbara, Yoram

1. **The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.**
2. **Meeting the new councillors.** Julia will contact the new councillors and find a date that works for a meeting and introduction. **ACTION: JULIA TO EMAIL NEW COUNCILLORS**
3. **Community Infrastructure Levy - CIL –**
  - a. Yoram and Nick attended a meeting with Central Area Planning Officers, including Deirdra Armsby, Director of Town Planning, and members of Neighbourhood Forums in Soho and St Marylebone. Focus of meeting –the implementation of neighbourhood plans and how we manage pre-planning meetings with developers including how we feedback to the council.

Representatives of the three neighbourhoods explained the philosophy and main objectives underlying their plans.

Outcome of meeting:

- i. All meetings with developers and Neighbourhood Forums must take place with a council officer to take notes.
- ii. We can look at the developers plans and decide if we need to meet with the developers. We may not be able to meet with all of them.
- iii. Yoram and Nick said we wanted to have a way to give feedback, to establish mechanism where our voices are heard;
- iv. Agreed that early consultation was important while plans remain fluid.

- b. Market Place Development –** Yoram has been contacted by Langham Estate who are keen for this project to be re-started.
  - i. Fitzwest Forum have committed approx. £160,000 to the feasibility study.
  - ii. Three years have now passed. It was agreed Yoram will arrange a meeting with Langham Estates for exploratory conversation and find out how much money they are going to pledge. Gwilym said we should have the full amount for the development pledged before we release

the £160,000 we have committed to the feasibility study. **ACTION: YORAM TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH LANGHAM ESTATES AND TO INVITE THEM TO AGM**

iii. Yoram will also contact Cllr. Paul Dimoldenberg and find out the current situation with the WCC funding. **ACTION: YORAM TO CONTACT CLLR. DIMOLDENBERG**

iv. It was decided this needs to be discussed in more depth at the Fitz West CIL Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

c. **New Cavendish Street planters.**

i. Julia said she has met with WCC on site to address a couple of pedestrian access concerns and she is waiting for updated plans. The project is ongoing and potentially planting will take place in the autumn.

ii. Gwilym will organise insurance for the project. **ACTION: GWILYM TO ORGANISE INSURANCE FOR PLANTER MAINTENANCE.**

d. **New CIL projects**

i. Gwilym asked of our next plans for finding new CIL projects. It was agreed we would explore and ask for projects at the AGM and also Julia will send out a newsletter. **ACTION: JULIA TO SEND NEWSLETTER**

4. **Rubbish and the Fitzrovia Rubbish Action Committee (FRAC)** Julia attended the last meeting of FRAC where outgoing Cllr. Pancho Lewis handed over to Cllr. Patrick Lilley. Main points:

- a. Currently building relationship with One Housing Group who are one of the main landlords in the area. So far OHG have agreed to inform caretakers about rubbish collections, put up signs in all their properties with collection times and investigate creating a One Housing Residents Group to improve sharing of info.
- b. Explore lowerlevel signs on bollards with clear graphics for non-English speakers.
- c. Distribute stickers on wrongly dumped bin bags to remind residents of collection times.
- d. Cllr. Lilley said that WCC are going to be enforcing more against residents who put our rubbish and dump rubbish at wrong times.

Barbara said she felt the black bins that were removed several years ago due to rubbish dumping around them, should be re-introduced.

5. **Next meetings.** These dates have changed. The next meeting of the Executive will be on **7 September 2022**. The AGM will be on **6 October 2022**.