

FITZROVIA WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

EXECUTIVE/CIL COMMITTEE MEETING

SAINSBURY WELLCOME CENTRE THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023 AT 6PM

MINUTES

Present: Nick Bailey (minutes), Yoram Blumann, Barbara Corr, Gwilym Harbottle, Julia Haythorn (Chair), Ian Johnstone, James Lawley-Barrett (NVEC), Denise Julien

Apologies: Walid Sheikh, Cllrs Lilley, Fisher, Toale

Minutes of last meeting were accepted (available on FWF website).

CIL Applications:

Market Place: Langham Estates will proceed if other freeholders contribute and will appoint a project manager. NCIL funding still agreed + £15k each from NVEC and GPE for initial survey etc but costs may have increased. Stage 2 implementation will depend on funding from WCC and freeholders.

AGREED: Continued support for the project. Yoram to attend the working group report back when further developments.

New Cavendish Street Planters: WCC have revised the plans and reduced number to 8 after a road safety audit.

All Souls School: Cat from Placemaking is continuing to support them in developing a project for submission in April.

FCC: The project was submitted in January and approval is awaited. The Forum wrote to Alex to support it.

Carburton Street: funding received but final invoices to be submitted.

Need for more project proposals. Ideas?

NCIL Finance

The January invoice from Placemaking has been paid.

£16,250 is in our account but this includes funding from Tesco's for the planters. We have £4,170 available.

AGREED: Julia will ask Placemaking for a statement of expenditure in Feb and March on the All Souls project, and an estimate of how much time will be needed in future.

Ward Funding

Local councillors are encouraging us to apply as Fitzrovia have not received any recent ward funding.

Gwilym to draw up an application to fund someone to manage our social media at about £200 per month.

Nick to give Julia the link to UoW's Student Volunteering Service:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/employability-and-career-development/improving-your-employability/student-volunteering-service>

Email: volunteering@westminster.ac.uk

Trees

Mark Gazaleh (Westminster Tree Trust) could not attend this meeting but has invited us to a tree planting ceremony at All Souls school on 26 April @ 1300. This would be an opportunity to meet staff from WCC with responsibility for trees and landscaping.

Mark wants to know our views on tree planting in Great Titchfield Street with built out pavements where necessary. Yoram to set up a meeting at the end of March.

Nick to circulate the link to Greening Westminster:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/place-shaping/greening-westminster>

Extending Membership

Walid is designing a flyer to raise the Forum's profile. Patrick has agreed to distribute some when canvassing in the area.

Interim AGM

Various ideas were discussed for speakers to attract members to a meeting in June?

Topics could include the future of Oxford Street and modelling traffic flows in the wider area.

There is a meeting on 14 March about Oxford Street @ 1100 in the Community Centre, Foley Street. Yoram and Barbara will be attending.

Fitzrovia Partnership

Nick explained that the Fitzrovia Partnership is intending to hold a ballot of businesses in our area in order to extend the BID to cover our area. He has circulated a paragraph in response to their business plan.

Date of next meeting: 18 May @ 1800 in the Wellcome Centre