

FITZROVIA WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

EXECUTIVE/CIL COMMITTEE MEETING

SAINSBURY WELLCOME CENTRE THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2023 AT 6PM

MINUTES

Present: Nick Bailey, Yoram Blumann, Gwilym Harbottle, Julia Haythorn (Chair), Ian Johnstone, Dee Corsi (NVEC), Mike Fairmaner (Fitzrovia Partnership), Cllr Jessica Toale, Walid Sheikh, Barbara Corr.

Apologies: Denise Julien

1. Minutes of last meeting were accepted (available on FWF website).
2. Presentation by Mike Fairmaner from Fitzrovia Partnership on their draft BID Proposal for West Fitzrovia to obtain feedback from us.
 - Q&A session
 - Mike to join FWF
 - FWF executive member join Fitzrovia partnership when the BID has been agreed
 - Mike to e-Mail slides for reference
3. Ratifying decisions made at previous inquorate meetings of 8 November and 1 December 2022.
 - All decisions agreed
4. Report on CIL applications.
 - *Fitzrovia Community Centre*
The application has been submitted to the council and is for repairs, improvements and better access.
FWF executive agreed to support the application.
Nick e-mail Alex Csicsek at WCC.
The full application was submitted to the whole executive including quotations and letters of support.
 - *Holcroft Court*
Architectural plaque & artwork depicting Thomas and Fanny Holcroft
Application submitted to WCC who are requesting additional information.

- *All Souls School*
Ongoing application.
Cllr Patrick Lilley and members of the executive are visiting the school (and community centre) on the 16th January to find out more about the application.
- *Carburton Street Planting*
Funding awarded and still awaiting transfer from WCC to FWF.
The forum is acting as paying agent for the applicant.

5. Reminder of upcoming CIL workshop on 16th Jan

- Nick and Yoram to raise concerns about how the role of the Forum has changed. It used to be that all applications came through the Neighbourhood Forum for approval and then submitted by the Forum. Now anyone can submit an application directly to WCC. The Executive's opinion is that the Forum is best qualified to filter/funnel applications.
- Yoram will enquire at Forum of Forums and see what other Forums think.

6. Report on Placemaking Funding (Gwilym and Yoram)

- £4000 received from NWECC – Thanks to Dee Corsi at NWECC
- CIL protocol. Gwilym will circulate the final version for comments before Tue 17th Jan
- The Executive agreed to extend relationship with Placemaking as they have been very useful in supporting CIL application.

Gwilym will check with Dan Johnson

7. Ward Funding - possible applications

- There is money available to be applied for (can apply for up to £10,000).
- Must be agreed by 2 out of 3 ward councillors.
- Cllr. Toale will send email with link and information.
- Ideas for funding:
 - admin support
 - web site funding
 - social media posting and freelancer's support. Dee will ask NWECC's social media team for recommendations
 - features on small businesses in FitzWest area.

Gwilym to look at the ward funding application

8. Extending membership ideas

- Focus on specific areas e.g., Holcroft Court, North Cleveland Street and New blocks on Bolsover.
- Social Media – overhaul (see 7. Ward Funding). Walid to set up an Instagram account.

- Produce Fliers – 3 designs, general, students, businesses – Walid to create designs, Nick and Julia to work on copy for fliers (see 7. Ward Funding).
- Fliers for door-to-door activity - Cllr Lilley and Cllr Toale offered to distribute fliers when visiting local residents.
- Target students at University of Westminster – in different student societies e.g., local history, planning, volunteering, local community, boost their CV.
- Annual volunteer event in September at UCL – Stall or some presence at open day?
- Public meeting outside of AGM to generate local interest – e.g., Oxford Street, Rubbish, Parking.
- Julia to ask Mike Fairmaner about targeting businesses within Fitzwest.
- Fitzrovia Community Centre – Julia to ask Donna about having leaflets there plus could we canvas there on a busy activity day.
- Sue Blundell has set up a Facebook account which could be promoted through the Fitzwest website. Content needed (See 7. Ward Funding).
- Make Website more useful – link Westminster services / Report It. Julia to action.

9. Fixing dates for meetings

- Next meeting Thursday 9th March
- Dee to send NWEK representative as she cannot attend.

10. AOB

- Esmeralda Ypsilanti wants to remain on the executive and will be more active in Autumn. It was agreed and she was co-opted to the Executive.
- Gwilym said we need another AGM as last year's was not quorate. Date to be agreed once guest speaker has been finalised. Cllr Toale suggested London author Jack Chesher who blogs - *Living London History*. Julia will send invitation to be a guest speaker. Idea to bring new people in to hear a n interesting speaker.

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