



Mill Hill Residents' Association

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Autumn Public Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 November 2017 at the NW7 Hub (formerly the Children's Library).

The meeting began at 8.00 pm.

Kris Jiwa (Chair of MHRA) welcomed those present and outlined the agenda for the meeting. She said sadly one of the committee members, Mrs Jasmin Brown, had died recently. Mrs Brown had lived in Mill Hill all her life and had been involved with this Association since the 1980's. She would be sorely missed. The Association will send a floral tribute.

1. ASSOCIATION RULES AND CONSTITUTION

Copies of the proposed revised constitution were circulated. It had not been updated since 2013. Kris Jiwa explained the changes being proposed. There will be no honorary members outside the NW7 postcode. The membership secretary and vice chair roles have been removed, and the procedure for appointing a member to examine the annual accounts is set out. The main change is the inclusion of a Code of Conduct for those attending MHRA meetings. She stressed that our meetings should take place in a friendly atmosphere with respect and consideration for each other.

It was agreed that the Committee would clarify the position in regard to the voting rights of members, and the time-frame for paying annual fees. Also consideration will be given as to whether the term retaliation is appropriate in section 9 of the Constitution when it states "Retaliation for complaints of inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated".

Action - the Committee

The proposed Constitution will be circulated to members for their comments.

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICING

The meeting was reminded of the weekly emails sent out by the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) about the type and frequency of different criminal activities. The email has a map showing where in Mill Hill there is a greater frequency of crime, and contains a web link to a site which enables an individual to set out three concerns regarding policing. These go to the SNT and a reply will be sent. The weekly email also gives details of how to report urgent and non-urgent crimes.

3. ROAD SAFETY, PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

There was an update on these matters. The Abercorn Road changes are being made, while a proposal for a pedestrian crossing in Langstone Way has gone to public consultation. Barnet Council is asking residents for their views on electric vehicle charging points as to what is required and where they should be located. If members contact the Council about road safety or parking issues they should ask for a reference number in case the issue has to be revisited.

4. MAYOR OF LONDON'S TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Jon Klaff gave a presentation on the proposed strategy for the period to 2041. Each London Borough has to support the strategy by setting out its own Local Implementation Plan. The current transport problems were set out, together with the aims for 2041, the most notable being that 80% of daily trips should be by public transport, cycling or walking. The strategy also aims to make our streets healthier with the intention that by 2041 there are zero emissions and road fatalities, and an improvement in the public's health would reduce the

demands on the NHS. There are plans also to improve the accessibility of public transport, including setting a yearly target for the number of rail and tube stations to be made step free. Consultation on the proposed strategy closed in September 2017. Mr Klaff summarised Barnet Council's response. There will be some government funding to implement the plans, but other sources of finance will be needed if there is to be full implementation.

5. PLANNING AND CONSERVATION

Revised plans for the Medical Research Centre have been approved, with a reduction in parking numbers, and a new scheme for the development of the Pentavia Retail Park is expected to be submitted shortly. Discussions continue between the Mayor's Planning Team and the applicant regarding the Hasmore School in Page Street. It is believed that the proposed segregation of the sexes on the site may be an issue. At Millbrook Park, the go ahead has been given for Phase 5. As regards the Darlands Nature Reserve, a proposal for a not for profit group to lease and manage the Reserve has gone out to public consultation. The Hendon Area Planning Committee has rejected a proposed development in Hale Lane, and deferred a decision on applications in Shakespeare Road and Uphill Drive until 1 November. Approval was given for the Mill Hill Town Square in Brockenhurst Gardens. It was confirmed that if the Planning Department received a minimum of 5 objections to a planning application, then this triggered action.

6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mrs Jiwa summarised forthcoming local events, including the official opening of the Town Square on 2 December at 1 pm.

John Gillett provided an update on 80 Daws Lane. The site has been transferred to the NW7 HUB on a 125 year lease. Architects are drawing up plans for the site and then planning consent will be sought. The development is expected to cost £3.5m, of which £1m will be provided by the Council.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.