

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 9 January 2020, 8.30 – 10:00 a.m.

7 Praed Street, London W2 1NJ

Attendees:

Residential Members:

- Allen Zimble
- Bernadette McKernan
- Rev'd Stephen Mason
- Andy Beverley
- Sarah Clifford
- Matthew Lindsay

Business Members:

- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Joanna Love (Church Commissioners)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)

Apologies Received:

- Sally Martin
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Isabel Turner (British Land)
- Sergio Chiquetto
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)
- Nikhil Shah

	Actions
1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made, and apologies noted. The Chairman welcomed Andy Beverley to his first meeting.	
2. Matters arising from Steering Group held on 3 December The minutes were agreed, subject to adding Sarah Clifford to the list of apologies, and all the matters arising had been dealt with or were covered by the agenda items.	MF
3. CIL Project Update MF explained that MF and KB had met Sarah Rye, Head of Public Realm at the City Council, and she was appointing a Project Manager to lead on Burwood Place and Sussex Gardens. The CIL would effectively be used by the Council to employ their term contractors to draw up designs and implement the projects, rather than money being passed directly to the Forum. In the case of Sussex Gardens, design options would be consulted upon widely internally and then externally, before proceeding to implementation.	

<p>JL updated the Group on the Church Commissioners proposals for Connaught Village which similarly Sarah Rye would oversee from WCC.</p> <p>KB updated on the Bays, and that this was progressing nicely with consultation on the project having just started and the proposals being warmly received. WCC had agreed to a de-cluttering of street furniture and the bridge itself will be deep cleaned.</p>	
<p>4. Neighbourhood Planning Policy Update</p> <p>KB reported that as the retail buildings on Praed Street were not listed, there should be more scope to combine units, but would need to be tested out and would obviously need the same owner for both properties.</p> <p>On Edgware Road, WCC Officers had said that planning permission was not required to sub-divide retail units so this was a significant obstacle. AZ said he would raise at the Ward Panel meeting. KB explained she was meeting Gerald Eve with the Church Commissioners and The Portman Estate on 14 January to draw up an initial list of policy areas. This inevitably would be a long game, but agreement that it was worth pursuing.</p>	
<p>5. Constitution Changes</p> <p>The proposed wording circulated beforehand to allow for any Steering Group member to nominate a substitute to attend on their behalf was agreed. KB said she and MF had looked at several Forum constitutions and had not come across any similar clauses, although the Marylebone Forum just required representatives from its individual businesses members such as The Portman Estate. It was agreed to add the new paragraph after current para 40 in the constitution. This would be proposed as a formal change to the constitution as required in advance of the AGM on 6 February 2020.</p>	KB
<p>6. Election of Steering Group at AGM</p> <p>KB noted that only the 4 Officer positions were elected to the Steering Group for a set period (2 years) and that there was no reference to the periods that should be served by the other members before being required to seek re-election. This was discussed and agreed that all Steering Group posts should have a 2 year term. This will require a change to the constitution and be advertised in advance of the AGM.</p> <p>The Group discussed measures in the event that any member of the Steering Group repeatedly failed to attend meetings, unless they had sent a substitute in accordance with the proposed constitutional change. It was agreed that non attendance at 3 consecutive meetings (regardless of whether apologies were made in advance) would automatically mean that the member would cease to be a member of the Steering Group.</p> <p>AZ said that a representative of the residents who lived around the canal basin was ideally required to join the Steering Group to ensure the whole Forum area was sufficiently represented and AS agreed to display notices in the residential blocks.</p> <p>There was still a vacancy for the post of Secretary that KB and MF had covered between them. AZ thanked them for their work and suggested MF should be nominated to the post of Secretary for agreement at the AGM to continue with the current arrangements.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AZ</p>
<p>7. Other AGM items/presentation</p> <p>KB explained that the AGM required short reports on the finances of the Forum and its activities over the year. KB agreed to write these reports. MF confirmed that Jeremy Bishop, the Chairman of the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum had agreed to come and speak at the AGM about their experience of the neighbourhood planning process.</p>	KB

<p>It was agreed that at the AGM that we needed a motion to formally proceed to begin work on a Neighbourhood Plan. AB, whilst not disagreeing, thought it would be very helpful if a report could be made to the AGM on the discussions and progress to date to help everyone understand the current picture and why proceeding with the plan and its focus on the 3 shopping streets was the right way forward. KB agreed to draft this for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>8. Date of next Steering Group and Public Meetings The date of the next Steering Group meeting was fixed for Monday 20 January 8:30 at 7 Praed Street. Dial in facilities would be available if required.</p>	<p>KB</p>