

## **Minutes of the 13th meeting of the North Kingston Forum (NKF) on 17th October 2016**

1. Di reported that she had received a response from the Council on our application. They raised a number of small (and helpful) points on our constitution. It was agreed to proceed with our current constitution but review during the next few months and make any agreed changes to the constitution at the AGM. The next AGM should be in January.

2. Di provided a proposed project plan for discussion. The plan goes out until June 2018. We discussed the need to collate views on the proposed plan. We could coincide the date of our referendum with the local council elections (thought to be May 2018) to assist administration. The next step will be for the council to advertise the application on the community forum for 6 weeks. The council will collate feedback and from discussion with officers we may get approval before Christmas. Some 700 NKF leaflets have been distributed in the last fortnight.

3. Di informed the meeting we have £10 in our funds. CARA have offered a further £100 and Councillor Craig has offered support from her community fund. BRaG and TARAK will be asked for funds. When we are approved we can also get an additional £9000 from Government and a further £6000 can be bid for if necessary. The grant money has to be held by a corporate body such as the Council. The grant needs to be spent within the financial year. Much discussion around the plan and suggestions that we study other plans for guidance. A copy of Exeter St James ( well regarded as an exemplar NPlan) and the recently submitted Highgate NPlans can be read at the following links:

<https://exeter.gov.uk/media/1777/st-james-neighbourhood-plan-2013.pdf>

[http://www.highgateneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/HNF-Plan-v3\\_v3-Jul16-d3-lores.pdf](http://www.highgateneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/HNF-Plan-v3_v3-Jul16-d3-lores.pdf)

It was suggested we need to develop key themes.

4. Di talked through our increased engagement with residents and businesses. A local small business survey, a survey of parks and recreation facilities, improvement of local spaces, cycling routes, traffic flow and parking issues as well as air quality are all issues for consideration.

**5. AOB.**

Glen reminded us that the current WordPress website domain charge will need to be renewed at the end of 2016. This might be a good opportunity to consider changing our website to Wix which is a lot easier to set up and use. Wix also has an FOC basic user account, but it may be prudent to consider upgrading to the next level for an annual charge of ~£60 which includes the domain charge and some extra capability.

**6. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30 pm at the Hawker Centre.**

Jonathan Rollason

**Attendees**

Matthew Rees  
Glen Keywood  
Stephanie Russell  
Diane Watling  
Steve Ransome  
Des McRow  
Jonathan Rollason  
Marilyn Mason  
Mike Frain

**Apologies**

Howard Sheppard  
Robert Rutherford  
Sara Fishwick  
John Parrish  
Catriona Duncan