

## **Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum Meeting On 12 September at the Hawker Centre 7:30pm**

The meeting was well attended with representatives from across North Kingston. Councillor David Cunningham kindly attended.

Di gave a recap from our last meeting on 8 August and outlined the potential routes forward.

We then started the formal agenda. The key points were:

### 1) Update on application for designation

Di updated the meeting to say the application has been submitted and is now being considered by the Council. We should get an update from the Council by the end of this week.

### 2) Neighbourhood Planning Bill

Di outlined some of the key features of the new bill. One of the features is that the planning department will have 13 weeks to decide on a Neighbourhood forum acceptance of a submission.

### 3) Engagement strategies to develop our vision and future.

Di informed the meeting that we will start putting together a project plan for the next 12+ months.

Update on the survey and leaflet distribution. So far delivered some 2000 door drop surveys and 28 replies from interested neighbours.

Potential drop-in sessions: Suggested three venues for drop in sessions. These are the Greek Orthodox Church with close proximity to Park Rd shops, Tudor Hall (chargeable) with close proximity to Tudor Drive shops, QH pub (or flower shop?) in the Richmond Road parade. It was suggested we take over an empty shop on Tudor drive. To be investigated. Latchmere recreation ground was also suggested as well as a repeat session at the Hawker Centre. The format of the drop in sessions will be educating neighbours on the role of the Forum and receiving feedback on their key issues. It was suggested we have list of local issues for the sessions. We now need to formulate a list of issues. The concerns included parking, cycling, schools, trains, buses, local shops and air quality.

What do the kids want? By working with a school in NK, ask the kids what is important to them? Age ranges 8-11, 12-15?? Suggested meeting with kids football on Saturday morning. Scouts, guides. The general feeling was that we need more amenities for teenagers. Concrete table tennis tables? CIL money (from developers) might allow the forum to spend monies on approved plan items. It was suggested that our plan includes the desire to ensure the improvement of local spaces. We now need to contact the heads of local schools, youth clubs, sailing clubs. The questions might include the activities are you doing, missing, need.

We also need to canvass the local shops and small businesses to ascertain their needs and requirements? Need a questionnaire and local visits by local residents. It was suggested we gather lease details. It was suggested that our plan might include a statement requesting that any future development where shops are compulsory purchased include the development of shops at affordable rents.

It was reported that we need to form a working group for the design of posters etc. Suggestions ranged from recruiting some students from Kingston College to help to involving the arts college or Tiffin girls.

4) Interim funding now needed to pay for venue hire and printing costs and it we should ask councillors for help through neighbourhood grant funding? We need to specific as to what monies are for. Match funding was suggested by David Cunningham as one possible option. We do have some monies promised by Cara and perhaps these could be matched?

5) Date of AGM - possibly 30th November. If we have progress on the application....

6) AOB

DC suggested we need to get hold of Dysart neighbourhood group. He also mentioned the need for the forum to get involved with the Councils " Issue and Options" plan.

Matthew Rees kindly offered to help set up Facebook page. Matthew asked how we access area detail from the council. David suggested first port of call should be the council website.

Volunteers were sought to help with analysis of the survey. Now have 2 volunteers. Thank you.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17th October The Keep Community Centre, Kings Road. Details to follow.

In Attendance:

Diane Watling  
Catriona Duncan  
Steve Ransome  
Howard Sheppard  
Glen Keywood  
Mike Frain  
John Parrish  
Mel Goodworth  
Marilyn Mason  
Martin Rees  
Sara Fishwick  
David Cunningham  
Betty Bore  
Chris Watkins

Apologies received:

Maria Netley  
Des McRow  
Linda Richards  
James Poole  
Chris Sanctuary  
Robert Rutherford  
Clare Francis  
Chris Foulkes  
Asa Backman