



North Kingston Forum 6/6/2018

**1: Present;** Diane Watling, Howard Sheppard, Conservative councillor Maria Netley, Marilyn Mason, Åsa Bäckman, Saphina Sharif, Liberal Democrats Councillor Zain Abbas

**2: Apologies;** Katrina Lidbetter, Jonathan Rollason, Sarah Olney, Glen Keywood , Caroline Kerr

**3: Community facilities:** Lead of workgroup, Matthew Rees resigned. Maria has volunteered to work on the poster for the Communities and Facilities group for the last two consultation events. Saphina Sharif has volunteered to help Maria.

A discussion followed in relation to what community facilities we would want the group to investigate the current status of, and any future need for; Playgrounds, Buildings in green spaces, New development: new play space, School places, dentists, doctor's surgeries etc. (note added post meeting: Maria has done a fabulous job with the new poster [attached], and this will be uploaded to the website shortly to complete the on-line survey information. The poster was used for the 2 consultations in the Co-op and Canbury Gdns.

Ideally it would be good to be able to get an idea of how many residents of various ages live in North Kingston (Census), how many are leaving, and how many are projected to move into area over the next 10 years, however, we agreed that perhaps a pro rata figure for new community services are difficult to find, and that these matters may have to wait until we work together with the council on the developer briefs for the new sites.

We need to be in a position to hold the council to account in our area, so the more we know the better we will be equipped.

#### **4. Advertising of the consultation events:**

Agreed we would contact the local schools for notices in the news letters:

- Latchmere Asa
- Fernhill Saphina

- St Luke's Maria
- St Agatha's Howard
- Alexandra , St. Paul's, TKA, TGS, Educare Diane

## **5. Results of survey so far and update on the consultation:**

So far, we have held 2 consultation events in Tudor library and the Wychelm PH.

Agreed we should have someone “clicking” people in at next consultation event, as many people asks questions of volunteers, and it is therefore difficult to keep a tally of how many visitors have signed in.

Diane reported briefly on the quick overview she has had on the survey results, and it looked like people have taken the time to adequately answer most of the questions. It was agreed that we should keep the format for the questionnaires for the forthcoming consultation events.

On average the working groups had between 8 and 12 filled in questionnaires. There were also some loose comments written on stickers, and paper. Generally the visitors stayed for at least an hour, and many questions were asked and discussions held. The feeling was positive.

## **6. ONLINE SURVEY:**

Glen and Diane to upload the online survey for testing before it goes live. There were some comments on improvements the online survey, such as ways of skipping sections, without losing opportunity for free comments at the end. Another issue of improvement was to do with family make up to understand interest/non-interest in certain issues.

Deadline for the survey is 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10pm.

## **7. FUNDING:**

Diane is putting in an application to Locality for additional funding. Howard agreed to advise.

We are applying for ~£6,500, the final tranche of the government grant. This will be to pay our consultants fees in the first instance, and to be spent before the end of March 2019.

New rules governing the allocation of the grant now insist that groups must be considering site allocations or design codes to qualify for the additional level of funding. This will not be a problem in our case.

## **INCOME:**

In addition to the Locality funding, this year saw us receive £3k from the council as a New Initiatives award, and our weblink to [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) has received an incredible £400+ via this link.

**Your account summary**

From: 01 MAY 2018	To: 31 MAY 2018	Account number	
Opening balance	£4,471.66	Sort code	
Total money in	£133.99	Statement number	23
Total money out	£0.00	Overdraft limit	£0.00
End balance	£4,605.65		

**Your transactions**

Date	Transaction	Money out (£)	Money in (£)	Balance (£)
	Balance brought forward			4,471.66
23 MAY 2018	Inward Payment BOOKING.COM B.V.		133.99	4,605.65
	Closing Balance			4,605.65

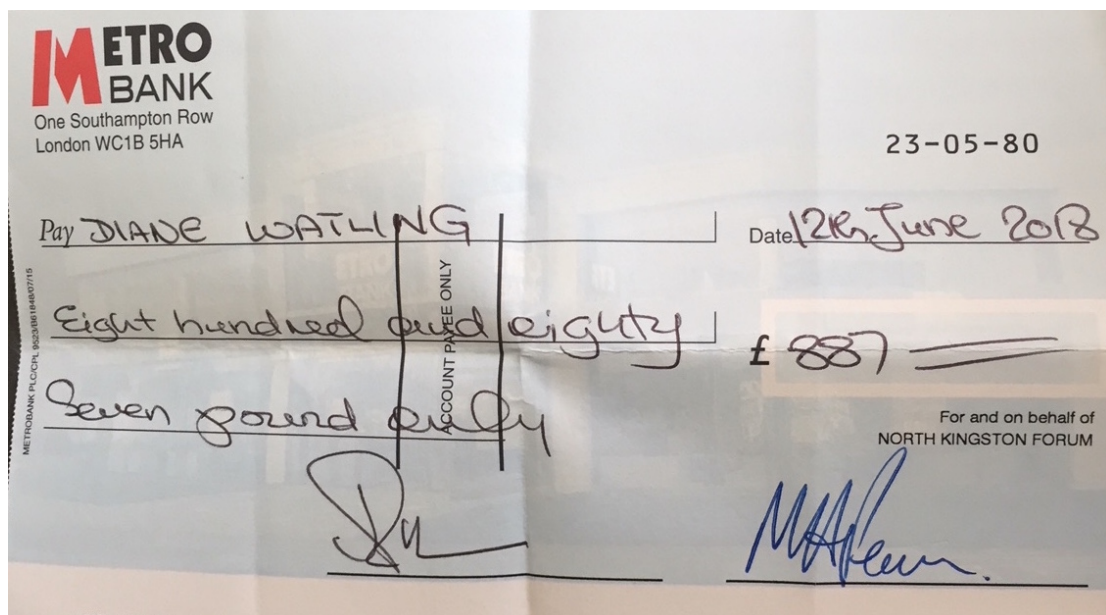
**EXPENDITURE:**

The planning consultant's fees represent the majority of the outgoings. Diane has spend £887 pounds since December. All Diane's invoices were scrutinized and agreed for payment.

**This includes:**

- Poster printing
- Poster boards
- Subscription to Survey Monkey
- 28<sup>th</sup> meeting refreshments at the Canbury Arms
- 1 Feather flag
- A4 printing (500 sheets)

The invoices will also be added into the website Dropbox folder.



**8. AGM**- Now confirmed: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September evening ,  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. (note added after the meeting)

**Many thanks to Asa Backman for very kindly taking the meeting notes.**