

Note of 18th North Kingston Forum meeting 3 May 2017

Hawker Centre

Present:

Diane Watling (DW)

Mike Frain

Des McRow

Michael Pearson (MP)

Steve Ransome

Howard Sheppard (HS)

Julia Rees

Matthew Rees

CLlr Maria Netley

CLlr David Cunningham

Peter Walter

Robert Rutherford

Elizabeth Chan

David Chan

Tim Kimber

1. Committee vacancies

Development officer – to help project manage and coordinate.

Howard would be happy to do so on a 50% basis focussing on coordination

Mike P happy to help with finance, excel and fundraising events. Has experience with events which can raise approx. £500 a time. 70-80 people

Membership officer:

MP suggests mail chimp effective. Plus data capture card. MP volunteers to take on membership and finance role. To keep on top of accounts.

Des to remain signatory of the bank account.

Mike F suggested dragon boat racing 16th July an opportunity.- lots of locals present.

Action: DW and Howard to get together to think further about the development officer roles and specify them more

Action: HS and MR to discuss further with Diane about next steps

Action: More volunteers welcome to work with HS and others on the 'development officer' role

2. Update on Grant Funding

Locality gives recognised Neighbourhood Forums up to £15,000. Planning consultant identified : Neil Homer RCOH. Current estimate is £19,000. Forum needs also to find money for additional costs.

Forum has applied for £3k RB Kingston's New Initiatives. Should hear by June. Only one application is feasible as in subsequent rounds the Forum will not be a new initiative.

Forum has gratefully received £500 Ward councillor funding. There is currently £800 in bank account.

Application is now in with *Locality*. £8,500 in accordance with the RCOH project plan. Should hear by end of next week (12 May). Grant to start 1 June. [update since meeting – funding has now been confirmed by Locality]

Robert R commented on the costings and suggested that we might want to keep the costs under review given the amount of consultant input might vary, dependent on: a. how complex the plan is; b. whether more of the time allocated to consultancy can be covered either by volunteer Forum members or through the free technical support available through Locality (AECOM)

Action: to keep costs, and commitments, under review

Big Lottery has been used as a funding source in some other London NP areas.

Timing: Big Lottery 4 month lead in time

Glen Keywood has set up a Just Giving page [link currently not accessible].

Howard agreed the need for third party monitoring. Especially on issues which are out of scope of planning. Advice on simplicity would be helpful.

Discussion on the best contribution of a consultant

Diane W noted Knightsbridge Plan has 44 policies!

3. Next steps

Visioning workshop in June (after election). Will be some homework in advance. 20 people. Three hour workshop.

Output will be a paper – vision, spatial strategy and policy options.

Awareness of what is in an out of scope

Include planning officer, councillor from each ward, committee members and others.

DC – need for a wide spread given the 20,000 residents and not just like-minded people. Need to spread.

Mike – there were a lot of people at the Doubletree event. Is there a need to pool that

Schools – no response from Tiffin, or Latchmere as yet. Has had contact with St Agatha's and St Luke's. Educare attended Doubletree event.

DC – what about Kingston College?

Matt – independent and small business. What do they want more or less of?

DC- Chamber of Commerce not particularly strong in this area – and mainly professional business.

DW – all doctors have been notified about the Forum. Churchill Medical Centre GP lives in the area (DC).

Action: a pre-inception meeting will be set up to discuss the format, purposes of the event.

David Chan explored issues about asked how you choose which issues to pursue? How do capture what the issues are. Discussion about how representative the Forum is/can be and the role of community engagement.

Howard – noted that this is 18th meeting. Issues have been collected over a long period time. DW – reminded that there have been 5000+ leaflets delivered. Awareness raising an ongoing issue.

Discussion about the need for eye catching 'challenging' publicity – stimulating debate.

For example being clear about: What is it we will do? " Do you care about the future of your area". "these are the issues we want to discuss: x, y,z "

4. Barge Dock Planning Application

Should the Forum develop a response?

JR suggested we should develop a response. It's a loss of green space.

Cllr DC it will be determined by the Neighbourhood Committee. Need to be careful "who are you speaking on behalf of?" The Forum or individuals.

Noted that CARA (as residents association) will respond.

If there has not been a groundswell of opposition it might be best not to respond.

Action: encourage people to make their own individual representations which can be done here [[LINK](#)]. Deadline: 24 May

5. AOB

Cllr Cunningham updated on developments related to Mayor of London, London's Growth Corridors. London Plan is critical. Timescales slipping, was to be summer 2016, now November 2017. Could slip further. RBK Plan has to be in conformity with London Plan.

Kingston Part of "Crossrail 2 Delta". (See attachment)

Housing density guidelines for Kingston, for example, could be reviewed.

Crossrail 2 decision was to have been in May 2017. Now delayed by election.

TfL generally do "safeguarding". Any developments close to rail line have to be sent to them. Unlikely to affect North Kingston but other parts of the line may be.

We cannot get too far ahead of the Local Plan. Mayor had 35% affordable housing. Signs are that it may go up, which might have implications for developments.

Local Plan identifies sites. RBK will make a call for sites, alongside the Issues and Options document. Nothing to stop NKF identifying sites appropriate for development. Not just a process for developers.

Action: NKF consider which additional sites might be identified

Note: June committee – consultation plan – will now probably wrapped up in November.

Also note:

- Riverside strategy ([LINK](#))
- Economic strategy
- And planning strategies can be found here: [[LINK](#)]

Cllr Cunningham encouraged all use the system in place to feed into the development of the Local Plan.

Next meeting Wednesday 14 June. Hawker Centre 7.30pm

AGENDA

1) Committee Vacancies:

- Development Officer(s): To help coordinate the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan and project manage.
- Treasurer: To manage the Forum's finances. Basic experience of eg Excel required.
- Membership Officer: Maintaining a register of members and affiliates (the register is available within Mailchimp) and help seek and encourage new membership.

2) Update on Grant Funding

3) Next Step – project inception and visioning workshop

4) Barge Dock Planning Application

5) AOB

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th June 2017 Hawker Centre 7:30pm

