



## Minutes of the North Kingston Forum AGM held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel 7.30 pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> september 2018

**Item 1.** Welcome. Our Chair, Di Watling, opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. She thanked the Hilton Group for providing the Sopwith Suite.

**Item 2.** Presentation. Our guest speaker, Jason Debney then gave a very informative and interesting presentation on the Thames Landscape Strategy, which is very relevant to North Kingston and the Brightwell cum Sotwell Neighbourhood Plan. He was asked how they raised monies. He outlined a number of different sources.

**Item 3.** The Chair's Report. **(Please see Annexe 1)**. Di launched the new video that describes the Neighbourhood Area and the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan. We are indebted for the *pro bono* support of Create Flying Pictures who have produced fabulous drone shots of our beautiful neighbourhood. The video can be viewed on the Home page of the Forum website:

<http://www.northkingstonforum.org>

**Item 4.** The Treasurer's Report **(Please see Annexe 2)**

**Item 5.** The Election of Officers & Committee. Proposed by Glen Keywood and seconded by John Parrish. The following were re-elected as officers:

Diane Watling(BRaG rep)	Chair/Development Officer
Jonathan Rollason	<i>Secretary</i>
Michael Pearson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Glen Keywood (BRaG rep)	<i>Communications</i>
Marilyn Mason (TTK/KEF rep)	
Howard Sheppard	
Sarah Olney	

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New members standing for election to the committee who were elected:

Saphina Sharif (*Folar rep*). Marilyn Mason and Gloria Martin proposed and seconded.

Malcolm Porter. Di Watling and Sarah Olney proposed and seconded Trevor Willis – *in absentia*. Di Watling and John Parrish proposed and seconded.

Members who have been co-opted are :

John Parrish (*CARA liaison*)

Asa Backman (*Folar Liaison*)

Christine Curry (*TARAK liaison*)

**Item 6.** Community Engagement Reports. Di briefed the meeting on the community engagements and survey results. Over 400 residents took part in the consultation exercises. She said a number of residents thought we were a council body and she needed to clarify our independence.

Residents need to accept that change will take place and that we needed to work within parameters set in London Plan. Residents thought that fitting in with local character was the most important priority for new developments. Some 90% of residents thought that we should guide the development should Sainsbury site ever be redeveloped. Again 90% said we should guide the development should the Keep in Kings Road ever be redeveloped. Some 68 % said we should guide the redevelopment of the St Georges business park. Some 86% said we should guide the development of Canbury Park. There were numerous comments on how CIL monies should be applied to the area. Di updated the meeting on Community Land Trusts to help guarantee affordable housing within the area 'in perpetuity'. She said the next steps were to put together a vision for North Kingston with policies based upon residents feedback. Within the team there are community groups who each have a separate area to review. The community groups are Heritage and Design, Business and Commercial, Community Facilities and Services, and last but not least, Environment. The four community group leaders then gave updates on their findings and recommendations within their areas of responsibility. The presentations were well received and the teams were thanked for all their hard work.

The community engagement groups presentation links can be viewed in **Annexe 3**.

Item 7. Q&A. Di outlined the next steps. A vote of thanks was proposed for all Di's hard work.

The meeting finished at 9:30pm

## **Annex 1**

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## Chair's Report

Well what a year it has been since being formally designated as a Neighbourhood Forum in August 2017! We have endured some pretty significant developer challenges with the attempt by CNM estates to regenerate Canbury Business Park - withdrawn due to lack of support by the community, the council and the GLA. The Barge Dock application is still undetermined and has much local opposition. We expect both to return.

Queenshurst will soon open its doors, we wait to see how the area copes with more than 500 hundred new residents appearing over the next 6-9 months.

The imminent closure of Murray House residential care home has also been the focus of some attention recently. The valiant efforts of residents who raised a 'call in' petition was unsuccessful. We would like to have discussions regarding the future of the site.

The loss of the borough's conservation officer was a great blow with no apparent funding to replace, all at a time of huge pressure for housing which sees the government's Housing Delivery Test Measurement Rule Book putting the emphasis on the number of homes delivered rather than the number planned. The council is still waiting for confirmation from the Mayor on their allocated borough housing target, we suspect that will remain at 1365 p.a. for 10 years. The Local Plan will be developed with specific policies in place describing how that target will be achieved.

London now has 115 NPlanning groups with 9 plans already adopted, all are having to face the huge challenges the increased pressure for housing brings. The challenge for our NPlan is to define a complementary role alongside the new Local Plan in providing a viable framework of land use policies for such change to happen successfully without undermining the predominant character of the area or the delivery of that change.

So, our workgroups have been beavering away over the past year to review the questions raised at our Vision Workshop in 2017 and earlier engagement events, to gather evidence and draw initial conclusions for possible policy themes with which to survey you, the community .

Apart from hosting a total of 32 open meetings, we have held 4 public meetings and 6 engagement events, 4 between May and June 2018, whilst hosting an on-line survey asking for your views and suggestions not only on possible planning policies, but also what projects you would like to see the CIL developer contribution used for. We had a

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fantastic turn out with ~250 people attending our last 4 events, wanting to find out more about our proposals. We had some great conversations with plenty of interest. We are reviewing your comments and great suggestions which will be used to formulate the Neighbourhood Plan, a positive vision for the future development of our Neighbourhood Area.

My grateful thanks go to: the current members of the committee who it has been an absolute pleasure to work with over the year, Kingston Voluntary Action, Lorna Giffin of the Hilton Hotel, Michael Pearson and Charlotte Salaman who have been a huge support. And, last but not least, all those superb folks who have helped us tremendously along the way and looked after us all so very well during our engagement events.

**Jonathan Rollason**  
Secretary



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 18

**Diane Watling**  
Chair



Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

October 2018

## **Annex 2**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**NORTH KINGSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGM  
MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**NKF FUNDS:**

- CASH BALANCE AT METRO BANK £3,718.65

**TOTAL INCOME TO DATE:**

- TOTAL INCOME £15614.4  
Broken down -
- £10650 from 2 LOCALITY FUNDING GRANTS of £8500 & £2150 (£143 unused and returned)
- £1156.45 from cash donations from the local individuals and community groups, an RBK Councillor Award and other Forum events.
- £398.24 Just Giving Donations
- £3000.00 RBK New Initiative Grant
- £409.71 BOOKING.COM Banner on NKF Website.

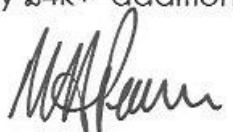
**EXPENDITURE TO DATE:**

- TOTAL EXPENDITURE £11752.75
- £10507 consultancy fees to date.
- £247.00 NKF Expenses to July 2017
- 111.75 NKF Expenses to Jan 2018
- £887.00 NKF Expenses to Jul 2018

**FUTURE AND FURTHER FUNDING:**

- Anticipated funds required to bring the North Kingston Plan to completion £14,000.00
- There is a further £6500 Locality funding to be drawn down.
- £3,718.65 at bank
- Total certainly available £10,218.65
- Approximately £4k+ additional funding to source.

Michael Pearson  
Treasurer  
Diane Watling  
Chair

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**Annexe 3**

**[AGM Introduction](#)**

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