

**Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum
Committee Meeting
16 December 2020 at 7.00pm**

Actions and Key Points

Present (online):

Nick Bradfield
Ben Castell
Maya de Souza
Ellen Gates
Ilona Hay
Kathleen Molnar
Catharine Wells
Eileen Wilmott

Apologies:

Valerie Doulton, Jessica Jacobs, Sue King, Cllr Sian Berry and Cllr Anna Wright

1. Minutes
 - Approved minutes of September and October meetings, with an amendment re a street name - to Colva Walk

2. Planning Sub-group
 - Murphys: Ben Castell advised that a meeting had been held with Murphy's, attended by Maya, Ben, Ellen, Nick, Jessica and Emily. The new design was not very different from the original plan. Some nice ideas including a raised garden walkway traversing the site, but height of some buildings at least still a problem (over the 8 storeys DPNF have lobbied for). Question is whether we engage to improve or oppose strongly. Agreed: Sub-committee and others who volunteered to be involved to meet further as working group to discuss approach and next steps
 - Mansfield BC: Ellen advised that the public meeting that had been held was acrimonious, with many different views. Developers seemed willing to listen but unaware of how to engage the community. Agreed: DPNF meet with developers to encourage a good process to engage community.
 - HNCC (Community Centre): Construction Management Plan: the Council is insisting on proceeding with access through Bertram St only, arguing that access onto Croftdown Rd is not possible. Sub-committee not convinced this is correct but difficult to argue with. Also, section 106 money to be used to fix the cobbles ie the damage done.
Agreed: Chair to write to Council Chief Officers about the section 106 issue.
 - Hostel - area run down: appears to be deliberate and doesn't encourage saving the building. Meanwhile application for listing has been submitted. Agreed: update DPNF website to explain position and Chair to write to Chief Officer formally about management of the area.

3. Travel sub-group

- Safer Streets
- Ben updated DPNF on Urban Movement's work: 2 discussions arranged for mid-Jan. press release due to go out.
- All on zoom.
- Chair raised the issue of an informed deliberative forum process to take the heat out of the issue and encourage cool-headed discussion. Ben advised that unlikely to do a citizens assembly discussion now - can ensure they take on board demographics of the area, a representative cross-section
- Agreed: Send out a mailchimp message about this process, ask Urban Movement to put notices up - hard copy form in local area, ask formally for consultants to ensure engagement across all demographics, and follow up deliberative forum process at a later date.
- Swains Lane - pedestrian crossing: Council confirmed they will go ahead.
- John Slater wants help re working with shops:

Action: Ben to get in touch with John Slater to see if we can help (within the limits of our time and resource)

[Also put update re Swains La on our website. We wrote in formally about this and raised with Cllr Harrison several times.]

4. Projects

Catherine Wells plus Chair gave an update.

- Highgate Rd: good project but expensive.
 - Cllrs looking at how to get this done, sourcing funds from other pots and seeking TfL support too.
- Whittington Estate:
 - Want DPNF to support, but they can lead.
- Balmore st/ Doynton Road
 - Cllrs keen for DPNF to lead and help take this forward and hold the money. Need to raise profile to ensure this is taken forward.
Note: Valerie suggested a DPNF committee walkabout before we submit the detail.
- Other areas
 - Agreed with Cllrs come back to them: York Rise etc

5. Chairs update

- Propose to write an email for the public: what we've done, why good to work with us, and seek new members with regard to constitutional commitment to diversity.
- Also another email to Chief Officers in the Council with issues that have arisen
- Discussed AGM and agreed better deferred until we can have a face to face meeting:

Action: Chair to draft two emails and work with Kathleen to get the first one out to all

6. Treasurer update

Catherine advised:

- about £200 in bank account
- Trust Advisory Group

7. Review: what's gone well?

Key points made:

- Communications v.important
- Website, newsletters, next door have been successes
- Setting up sub-groups has helped, but should not establish some working groups to get others to work with us and get more people on board
Eg Task group on Highgate Rd
- Also, other opportunities to make more of eg working with Heath Hands - Session in January. Agreed that we may be able to link up with them and the CoL re fringes of the Heath.