Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum Minutes of virtual meeting 20 April 2022

Present: Maya De Souza (chair), Valerie Doulton (Vice Chair), Ben Castell, Ellen Gates, Kathleen Molnar (comms), Jessica Jacobs, (Website), Eileen Wilmott (trees), Catharine Wells (greening projects), Ilona Hay, Emily O'Mara

Apologies: Jessica Jacobs, Hilary Taylor (illness), Nick Bradfield, Paul Farrow, Fabian Watkinson,

Agenda	Decisions/Actions
Chair welcome & introductions:	Apologies noted
	Approved
Approve minutes & matters arising: Pre-circulated minutes approved by all present.	Agreed: follow up re Doynton St works after election – seek a timeframe for action
Chair's report: Pre-circulated.	Noted
Greening CW gave an update: - 3-point park: aiming to complete delivery of revised schedule of works before end summer holiday - Whittington Estate: noted that progress being made by residents in developing ideas. Due to engage residents on options. MDS, VD, EW have visited along with FW, as well as CW to meet with interested residents. - Lissenden Gardens: MDS suggested we encourage people in the area to begin develop project proposals for CIL funds, so have them ready early next time, and that we use the AGM discussion agenda item to cover this area.	Agreed: Go ahead with encouraging early preparation of CIL proposals. MDS to follow up with residents re Whittington Estate (Agnieska) works and preparation of CIL funding bid, making a distinction between what is Council responsibility and extra which may need CIL funds CW to check with Pomme re Lissenden.
Highgate Fold IH reported back on progress made which primarily involved clarifying ownership. Council considering appointing a project manager MDS confirmed that councillors had given assurance re CIL funding being granted from 2021/22 budget	Agreed: Ilona to request a meeting with key officials from Highways and Housing plus others to agree roles (including lead official) and next steps.

Sustainability Projects

MDS advised that various projects not taken forward as yet, because of other priorities and recommended that we now bring a group together to cover these.

Agreed: MDS to invite people to join a sustainability group.

Planning:

Murphy's Yard:

BC referenced Chair's report and provided an update:

- Meeting with Murphy's: attended by BC, EG and MDS. Folgate were not inclined to make any changes.
- Wider group had decided to follow up with further meeting allowing Folgate to explain what they saw as the parameters so we could understand viability assessment arguments which they would put forward, which we think can be rebutted.
- Has requested a meeting with the Council officers to check on timing.

MDS advised that petition now on- line – over 450 signatories. Push for more closer to the date of planning decision.

MDS also advised that had taken to the wider group that we develop options for better schemes to show that this was possible and dispel thoughts that this was a negative Nimby reaction. Options included:

- looking for a Univ student project to be set up which would engage residents/local architects and develop ideas and visuals.
- Linking up with another body like Glasshouse that works on engaging communities.

CW mentioned the approach being taken re 02 centre to crowdsource funds to pay for professionals to draw up an alternative.

KM emphasized that many local architects want to be involved including Barbara Weiss who has campaigned on the London skyline.

Discussed options including a 1-day charette involving community including architects.

Concluded that small group needed to develop and deliver a proposal, taking on board issues re timing.

Action:

BC to go ahead with meeting Council re timing and with Folgate, leading on the campaign to oppose.

MDS to put a call out to committee and wider list to form an organising committee to look at better options.

Fund-raising

 Architectural Talks: Valerie plus Hilary have developed a plan for 3 or so talks and have explored venues – propose Chetwynd Rd church hall.
 Discount agreed. Costs will be about £50 an evening.

Agreed:

Talks to be launched after we have got architects etc involved in Charette – need to be put back because of that priority.

- MDS advised that a number of architects have provisionally agreed to do this.	VD to schedule.
 MDS advised that a simple solution would be to see if Council can allocate a small sum of money like £500 per annum to cover costs like for website. 	MDS/VD to email Councillors re funding.
Planning Sub-Group Report circulated in advance by Ellen.	Report noted
Community Engagement	
KM reported on Highgate Festival proposal for Swains Lane – 18 th June.	Welcomed – agreed to organise a stall. KM to lead
	Action:
	Try and arrange as a hybrid meeting – Jessica Jacobs to advise, if possible.
AGM Agreed to hold in June	KM to send out invites by 29/04 on mailchimp etc
To invite people by end of the next week (29/04) to put themselves forward for the committee and attend. Venue – hybrid if possible, but noted that this is complicated. Having as the main topic enabling engagement greening the area was supported by all.	MDS to liaise re invitation/1-pager with Kathleen, re newsletter and mailchimp, and set deadline for reports that need to be lodged for the AGM.
	Venue: Valerie to check with Church and MDS to check with Linda Lefvre/Sarah Harrison.
	Date: MDS to send doodle
Date of Next Meeting: 18 th May The third Wednesday of each month.	