

## **Minutes of Fitzwest Executive Committee**

- Date:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Time:** 6p.m.
- Venue:** NVEC Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Heddon House, 149-151 Regent Street, London W1
- In Attendance:** Gwilym Harbottle (GH)– Acting Chair/Facilitator  
Julia Haythorn (JH) – Minutes  
Dan Johnson (DJ)  
Nick Bailey (NB)  
Wendy Shillam (WS)  
Yoram Blumann (YB)  
Christopher Shaw (CS)  
Barbara Corr (BC)  
Ian Johnstone (IJ)  
Chris Martin (Urban Movement)
- Apologies:** Christopher Shaw (CS)  
Sharon Banoff (SB)  
Tony Burton (TB)

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### **1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

### **2.0 SELECTION OF CHAIR FOR MEETING**

GH agreed to chair the meeting. JH agreed to take minutes.

### **3.0 GREENING STRATEGY**

3.1 Chris Martin from URBAN movement presented the draft greening strategy.

3.2 Market Place – DJ said NVEC are going to test area with planting in 2019 as was successfully done in Old Quebec Street.

3.3 Riding House Street – This has been closed at the Cleveland Street end for 2-3 years, local councillors have been contacted about whether to make it a permeant closed play street. It was agreed FWF would support this.

3.4 Chris Martin agreed to leave the draft report for FWF executive to review.

Note: after further changes NB has finalised the draft with Chris Martin and linked it to the draft neighbourhood plan.

3.5 Chris Martin agreed to attend Oxford Street meeting with WCC in October

Note: date still TBC, late October or early November

#### **4.0 DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

4.1 NB made following points; don't repeat policies already in the City Plan, try to avoid too much detail, planning department at WCC have been very helpful. NB was thanked for all of his work on the draft plan.

4.2 NB will finalise comments and additions to the draft plan.

Note: NB has made changes, linked it to the greening strategy and the design guide and a copy has been sent to WCC for informal feedback.

4.3 WS requested to add strategic information e.g. super block; to firm up issue of air quality, YB agreed to speak to Simon Berkett, chair of Knightsbridge neighbourhood forum about this, add design plan as supplementary document.

4.4 In reference to planning application for Roast on Great Portland Street it was suggested we have policy in the plan for number of chairs allowed and time limits for outdoor activity

**Action: NB agreed to write a policy about this**

#### **5.0 OXFORD STREET**

5.1 YB attended meeting with Deirdre at WCC and learnt the following:

1. Emphasis on OX ST district
2. Walking strategy to include greening, cycling and pedestrians
3. Cars to be allowed on Oxford Street East

5.2 Meeting to be convened with WCC, Publica and FWF.

Note: date TBC

#### **6.0 BROADBAND**

WS central London is a broadband black hole. It was agreed WS will write to Mark Field MP to raise issue, and also to Digital Tsar.

Note: Letter sent, and on website.

#### **7.0 LICENCING AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

7.1 YB/CS/JH attended a meeting with Councillors Pancho Lewis and Jonathan Glanz, in response to two recent applications; Roast on Great Portland Street and 4-12 Little Titchfield Street. It was agreed FWF need to monitor both applications by alerting residents and getting them involved in objecting if necessary.

YB this is an ongoing issue and takes a lot of time and attention. It is easy for applicants to overwhelm local residents and businesses with all of the information and paperwork. YB/CS agreed to look out for important planning issues and alert all the members of FWF via and email to the blog.

#### **8.0 AOB**

WS to circulate dates for future meetings, and to add Holcroft Court and all local Councillors to the email list.

#### **9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

TBC

