

FITZWEST
Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the FitzWest Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday 1 May 2019, 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Fitzrovia Centre, Foley Street, W1

Attending:

Nick Bailey
Sharon Banoff
Barbara Corr
Gwilym Harbottle
Julia Haythorn
Ian Johnstone
Yoram Blumann
Dan Johnson
Chris Shaw

Apologies: Wendy Shillam

1 Welcome and introductions

Chris welcomed all. Sharon took notes.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for 10 April 2019 were agreed.

3 Neighbourhood Plan

NB has had 4 copies printed/bound for the exhibition and showed one. He said WCC will have a revised City Plan end May – any changes can be made then, if necessary. The target is to have the Neighbourhood Plan completed and deposited with WCC by end of year with final adoption and Referendum (organized by WCC and required before the Plan can come into effect) in the first half of 2020 (Full details in previous Minutes).

4 Ward Funding

YB had notified us that our funding application from West End Ward had been agreed and is £5,250. CS will formally thank the Ward Councillors. DJ suggested Fitzwest apply for £1500 from NWEF, which would be available, information received with thanks.

5 Preparations for the AGM on 13 May

GH has emailed members. The exhibition now starts at **2.30pm**. We discussed the

location of (9) boards, the need to stack chairs/make good after, etc. Refreshments will be kindly provided by the Sainsbury-Wellcome Centre (IJ has necessary contacts). CS will send a doodle poll so that a roster of attendance can be drawn up. WS had previously mentioned she'd be happy to sign people in. NB will provide an Agenda for the room.

6.00 AGM begins. GH welcomes all and chairs.

6.15 NB will update on Neighbourhood Plan + Q&A.

Lukas Van der Steen will be present to answer WCC-related questions.

6.30 Adam Webber from WCC will speak re the Council's aims re air quality.

7.10 Elections to exec: (Nick, Sharon and Barbara seeking re-election).

7.20 YB presents the accounts

Timings a little 'fluid' but appx 7.25. AOB and further opportunity for Q&A, followed by Refreshments and another opportunity to look at the display boards.

Pre-publicity for the AGM

Invitations: BC has organized the designer and printing of 2000 invitations. Those present agreed which streets they would target and IJ has emailed this information separately (BC to contact Andrew in Holcroft Court for delivery there).

The invitations are now with CS's secretary, Jackie, at 42 Langham St. Several people have already collected a batch for distribution asap.

CS will send 50 to NWECC for distribution to Oxford St businesses. He will also email invitations to all Councillors + Mark Field, Ian Milne, Richard Beddoe.

JH to invite fellow forums. GH contacts Fitzrovia News and Wesley Skow.

SB suggested there should be mention of 13th on front page of F/W website.

6 Market Place/Greening/Riding House St.

JH will send greening survey link to Jackie to print for 13th. Disappointment was expressed re WCC's Oxford Street update and lack of funding for Market Place, Gt Titchfield and Gt Portland Streets. Riding House St plan will be funded by WCC CIL and it was agreed we should request future CIL amount to fund Market Place. JH to ensure there is a question on the survey re Market Place.

7 Westminster Forums Meeting

An invitation from Marylebone for all forums to meet, on 15th May, 6.30-8.00, at 86 Edgware Road, W2. NB and YB will attend.

8 Oxford Street Project

NB had circulated an email from Susanne Afra, Head of Programme, Oxford St District, which was commended and will be reflected by him at AGM. JH will link WCC's response to the website.

WCC has approached the WE Community Network to meet on May 22nd. YB will attend and report back.

9 Any Other Business

IJ mentioned influx of graffiti (tags) locally. This has been reported to BT and WCC.

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tues June 11 or Weds June 12 - tbc
Facilitator: WS (to circulate agenda beforehand). Minutes: GH

Following: Thurs July 4th (tbc)

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.