

# FITZROVIA WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## EXECUTIVE/CIL COMMITTEE MEETING

**SAINSBURY WELLCOME CENTRE THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6PM**

### MINUTES

Apologies: Babara Corr, Dee Corsi, Ian Johnstone, Ann Goodburn

Present: Nick Bailey, Yoram Blumann, Gwilym Harbottle, Julia Haythorn (Chair), Catherine ("Cat") Jenkins (Placemaking), Denise Julien, Patrick Lilley ("PL") (Ward Councillor)

1. So far as it was a meeting of the Executive, the meeting was inquorate.
  
2. **All Souls School potential CIL application:**
  - a. Cat provided a detailed update of her work on this.
  - b. The Diocese is apparently unable to fund but this needs to be checked.
  - c. The focus is on external space on the Ground Floor and rooftop. There is need for a vision/external spaces masterplan followed by a series of applications for CIL for the different stages.
  - d. One quote has been obtained but it is high and others should be obtained.
  - e. Cat has connected with CIL Officers.
  - f. Planning and listed building consent will be needed (perhaps Gerald Eve).
  - g. Ward Councillors need to be consulted. PL agreed to visit.
  - h. There will need to be professional advice for the ground floor. The children are keen to be involved.
  - i. There will need to be building and facilities management advice for the building works.
  - j. ARUP might help.
  - k. There is no possibility of an application before April 2023 with phase 1 works in the summer holidays (only 6 weeks are available).
  - l. Cat will follow up with the School.
  
3. **Fitzrovia Community Centre potential bid.**
  - a. Cat reported that the focus was on short term electrical works, repairs and renovations. There needs to be a game plan for the longer-term works (cafe, improved public areas, new reception etc.). Again, a series of bids will be needed.
  - b. Progress had been delayed by illness.
  - c. The FCC has not spoken to CIL Officers.

- d. With help an application could be made by 6 January 202
- e. Cat will enable co-ordination with all relevant parties and generally follow up.
- f. The meeting thanked Cat for all her work on these projects.

**4. Market Place.**

- a. Yoram reported that the steering committee is waiting to see what local owners and businesses would be prepared to contribute financially.
- b. PL indicated that Market Place would not feature in the new Oxford Street plans, which will at some point go out to consultation.

**5. Plaques for Thomas and Fanny Holcroft.** Denise explained that the present proposal is for the plaques to be on the structure of Holcroft Court rather than on freestanding structures. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project. There was a discussion about whether it amounted to "infrastructure" and whether it would be possible to obtain three quotes. Ultimately it was decided that Denise would apply for Ward funding for the planning application and seek an alternative source of funding for the work itself.

**6. Projects funding guidance and toolkit.**

- a. Cat introduced Placemaking's draft.
- b. It was agreed to supply comments to Placemaking over the next week. Gwilym will coordinate comments.
- c. We will need to decide what parts of the finalised guidance and toolkit to put on the website.
- d. Westminster Council are producing new guidance and a new application form.

**7. Admin support.**

- a. Julia reported that NVEC would not be able to assist with this.
- b. PL said that ward funding was a possibility. The Forum should send local Councillors details informally for feedback and then (depending on the feedback) complete an application form.
- c. PL will also approach Cllr Barraclough about funding of bid preparation and admin support.
- d. PL suggested we try and recruit someone from Youth Support.

**8. Funding of continuing Placemaking work.** Gwilym will discuss with Dan.

**9. AOB.**

- a. Yoram explained that there had been difficulties in obtaining access to the transport surveys from 2019 and more recently. PL asked Yoram to write to him/Cllr Barraclough.
- b. 82-83 Margaret Street. Nick and Yoram reported on their meeting with the developers. They want to make the listed chapel available but the rest of the site will be serviced apartments. They are not intending to apply for planning

permission until April 2023. It was agreed that we should oppose an application for serviced apartments.

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