

North Finchley Partnership Board – Fourth Meeting Minutes

06/10/2022 | 18.45 | Location: Arts Depot, North Finchley

Agenda Item	Timing	Minutes	
Housekeeping	18.45 –	Attendees: Partnership Board Members	
	18.50	√	Cllr Ross Houston NFPB Chair and Chair of the Housing and Growth Committee
		√	Cllr Anne Hutton Woodhouse Ward Cllr
		√	Cllr Danny Rich West Finchley Ward Cllr
		√	Alison Bell The Finchley Society
		√	Derek Rust Barnet Homes
			Esmine Puzone Local Business: Finishing Touches
		√	Jacob Peak Youth Representation
			Liz Longworth Northside Primary School Headteacher
			Miriam Berger Principal Rabbi of Finchley Reform Synagogue
		√	Monique Deletant Arts Depot CEO
		√	Nick Goodman Local Resident
		√	Pravin Varsani Local Business
			Rickardo Stewart Founder of Community Souls & Art Against Knives
			Senan Sexton Local Business: The Bohemia
		√	Tim Stevenson Lodge Lane Residents Association
		√	Tony Allaway Ravensdale Residents Association
		√	Zoe Newell Local Business: Innovation Dance
		√	Steve Harrington Regal
			Jonathan Joseph Joseph & Partners
	√	Ashleigh Watkins Town Centres Investment Manager at Barnet Council	
	√	Zeina Al-Derry Town Centres Senior Project Officer at Barnet Council	

		<p>Attendees: Other representation from consultants/invites guests:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Cllr Kathy McGuirk</td> <td>West Finchley Ward Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cllr Geoff Cook</td> <td>Woodhouse Ward Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Ghislaine Halpenny</td> <td>Regal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Greg Lyons</td> <td>Regal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Christina Norton</td> <td>LBB Town Centres Consultant, Soundings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>David Pierce</td> <td>LBB Town Centres Consultant, Dallas–Pierce–Quintero (DPQ)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Julia Xu</td> <td>Programme Manager at Barnet Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Suley Muhidin</td> <td>Communication Lead at Barnet Council</td> </tr> </table>	√	Cllr Kathy McGuirk	West Finchley Ward Councillor		Cllr Geoff Cook	Woodhouse Ward Councillor	√	Ghislaine Halpenny	Regal	√	Greg Lyons	Regal	√	Christina Norton	LBB Town Centres Consultant, Soundings	√	David Pierce	LBB Town Centres Consultant, Dallas–Pierce–Quintero (DPQ)	√	Julia Xu	Programme Manager at Barnet Council	√	Suley Muhidin	Communication Lead at Barnet Council
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<p>Introductions</p> <p>a. Welcome from Cllr Ross Houston</p> <p>b. Introducing new members to the NFPB</p>	<p>18.50</p> <p>–</p> <p>18.55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note: Acknowledgement was made that this is the rescheduled meeting from 12th September, which was postponed due to the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. - Note: Introducing new members to the NFPB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tony Allaway, Chair of the Ravensdale Residents Association. 																								
<p>Walkthrough of Engagement Activities:</p> <p>a. Update on Creative Placemaking, Wayfinding and Graphic Identity</p>	<p>18.55</p> <p>–</p> <p>20.30</p>	<p>Notes on Engagement Activities:</p> <p>a. Update on the Council-led Creative Placemaking, Wayfinding and Graphic Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Note: The Cultural Steering Group meetings should be scheduled on weekday evenings rather than afternoons to allow more people to attend. - ZA Action: To discuss with the Cultural Steering Group alternative timings for meetings. - ZA Action: To put flyers for the Cultural and Wayfinding Action Plans downstairs at the artsdepot. - Cllr RH: Suggested that the website directory should include contact details of libraries, churches and other community organisations. - Note: The business directory will include businesses around North Finchley in order to communicate what is available in the town centre. - Note: The website will also be used to give updates on the projects Barnet Council is delivering within the town centre. - NG: Suggested using electronic billboards to advertise the website and business directory. - Cllr RH: Suggested that updates on the wider regeneration and project work streams should be integrated 																								

<p>b. Updates on the Public Realm Design Framework</p>		<p>within the projects page on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion Note: There is a need for a clarification leaflet that builds on the FAQs document Barnet Council published back in March 2022 and shared with 6,800 local residents within the N12 postcode. - Cllr KM: Noted that Cllrs are a vehicle to get information out and should be used.
		<p>b. Update on the Council-led Public Realm Design Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB: Noted that there should be a clear definition of what safety is. - Cllr KM: Noted that the more people from all ages are in the town centre the safer it will feel. - MD: Noted that a workshop can be carried out with the Young Ambassadors Group or the London Studio Centre. - Cllr DR Action: Agreed to help the team contact the mosque. - Discussion Note: Need to consider attendance if carrying out a night-time activity/intervention considering the low footfall at night. - Note: Ensure coordination with internal LBB teams especially, Colin Aaron in relation to cycling matters on this project. - All Action: Everyone agreed to promote the upcoming workshops to help define and develop the principles - Cllr RH: Noted that interesting principles are coming out from the project. - TS: Noted that there are overlaps between the work Soundings and DPQ are doing, particularly as they both relate to town centre placemaking, and queried whose work takes precedence if they produce incompatible recommendations. - DP: Clarified that Momentum/Soundings and DPQ are working closely together to ensure that all placemaking work is coordinated and feeds into one another. However, Momentum/Soundings' Public Realm Design Framework will be the definitive document that guides future development.
<p>c. Update on Business Support and Other Council-Led Initiatives</p>		<p>c. Business Support and Other Council-led Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ZA Action: To share the link to get tickets for online business support events. - Discussion Note: Discussions around how are we addressing the language barriers with some businesses. - AW: Noted that the consultants have built in a translator as a part of the programme to ensure all businesses can access this support. - JP: Queried about the case with larger businesses. - AW: Noted that large businesses have access to the training themselves and don't need such support but may need wayfinding to council schemes and initiative like the councils Healthier High Streets programme. - ZN: Queried what is going to happen with empty units and whether the council is starting to look at what's

<p>d. Update on Regal JP Engagement Activities</p>		<p>coming in now or not yet. For example, is the council looking at bringing healthier businesses to the town centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW: Noted that the council doesn't own the vacant units so curating which businesses come in is at present difficult. The introduction of Class E within statutory planning also makes it even more challenging to influence uses on high streets. - Cllr DR: Noted that the council can only stop things when there is a planning requirement to do so, nonetheless local people should always inform their Cllrs if they are not happy with something. - Cllr KM: Noted that Tesco wanted to take over the Bohemia at some stage but withdrew after the community campaigned against it. - Cllr DR: Suggested using a covenant system to try and curate what goes on the high street, for example <i>"of the shops coming forward only 20% of them can be this or that"</i> - SH: Pointed out that through regeneration programme and the consolidation of the land and its management this will provide greater opportunity to curate and ensure a diverse mix of uses. <p>d. Updates from Regal-JP Ltd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr RH: Queried how many people Regal are engaging with. - SH: Noted that 620 people are being engaged with via the mailing list and that Commonplace has received 6000 hits. - NG: Queried when the local community can start to see things happening in the town centre. - SH: Stated that the timeline for was pending them obtaining planning approval for the scheme. But noted that LBB Town Centre team will begin delivering things next year ahead of the Regal development. - ZN: Queried when the local community will start seeing buildings. - SH: Noted that it will be 3 years as a planning application will need to be prepared and assessed. - NG: Noted the need to communicate Regal's long-term programme and what is the destination rather than just the incremental bits on the journey. - NG: Noted that some of the local priorities are keeping the streets clean, giving people a sense of pride in their town centre and trying to do something about the types of shops opening up in the area. - GL: Noted that any CPO needs to have an intended development project. Regal are engaging with landlords when sites become available, and their plan is to acquire as much as possible without CPO. - Discussion Note: It was agreed by all that ensuring a relocation strategy was in place was key to ensure existing businesses were protected through the regeneration process in North Finchley.
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