

**MINUTES OF THE ST ANN'S AND HARRINGAY AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Councillors Alexander, Brabazon (Chair), Browne and Schmitz

Apologies Councillor Adamou and Canver

SAH84.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Adamou and Cllr Canver.</p>	
SAH85.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 11 JULY 2013</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were noted.</p>	
SAH86.	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	
SAH87.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
SAH88.	<p><b>DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS</b></p> <p>There were no deputations or petitions.</p>	
SAH89.	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM THE AREA FORUM</b></p> <p><u>Green Lanes improvements works update</u> It was suggested that the concerns raised regarding staining of the new pavement surfaces, and how this could be prevented, be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting of the Green Lanes Strategy Group (7.30pm, Tuesday 8 October).</p> <p>The issues raised during the Area Forum regarding the accessibility of the pavements for people with wheelchairs and mobility scooters during the construction work would also be raised at the GLSG.</p> <p><u>Finsbury Park</u> It was suggested that a request be made on behalf of the Forum and Committee that there be a review of the areas cordoned-off during the set-up and take-down periods of large events, in order to minimise the disruption to local residents attempting to access or traverse Finsbury Park during these periods.</p> <p>The Committee suggested that the Council should aim to meet with local residents as part of the planning stage of events, and also as part of the de-brief process. It was hoped that the Council and promoters had learned from recent events some of the key issues around the need for adequate toilet provision, litter</p>	

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	<p>collection, street cleaning and Traffic Management Orders, and that these issues would be addressed appropriately for future events.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issues around income targets for Finsbury Park; there was a need to balance use of the park for commercial events with the interests of local residents, and it was felt that income from large commercial events should be maximised, given the disruption that such events caused to the local neighbourhood. The transport links for Finsbury Park were a commercial draw, and it should therefore be possible to increase charges for promoters without significant loss of business. It was suggested that anti-competitive practice law probably prevented the Council from working too closely with other boroughs around the fees chargeable for the use of Finsbury Park and equivalent sites elsewhere in London, but it was suggested that legal advice could be sought on this point. It was felt that income coming into the Parks Service needed to be re-invested on an equal and fair basis across all borough parks.</p>	
<b>SAH90.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  There were no new items of business.  The meeting closed at 21:05hrs.	

COUNCILLOR ZENA BRABAZON

Chair