

**MINUTES OF THE MUSWELL HILL, ALEXANDRA, FORTIS GREEN AND HIGHGATE  
AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2013**

Councillors Allison, Beacham, Bloch, Davies, Engert (Chair), Erskine, Hare, Jenks, Newton, Scott and Solomon

Apologies Councillor Williams

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>MH67.</b>	<b>AREA FORUM ITEMS</b>	
<b>MH68.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Cllr Williams. Councillor Bloch also gave apologies for having to leave the meeting after the Forum part of the proceedings due to a family commitment.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>MH69.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>	
<b>MH70.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES - 24 JANUARY 2013</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MH56 and 55: (i) the use of LED bulbs. (ii) compost stirrers for sale on the <i>Haringey Get Composting</i> website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) LED lights - The Chair advised that she had been informed that the business case was still being looked at and investment in this area was undecided. An update would be provided at the Area Committee on 13 June 2013.</li> <li>(ii) compost stirrers - these were now on the Council's website (see link below and are called a 'compost aerator'</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="http://www.haringey.getcomposting.com/Shop/Composting_Accessories/TURNER03_Compost_Aerator.html">http://www.haringey.getcomposting.com/Shop/Composting_Accessories/TURNER03_Compost_Aerator.html</a></u></p> </li> <li>• MH57: Devolved Funding – The Chair advised that a response was still awaited with regards to devolved funding to Area</li> </ul>	

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Committees despite her and officer efforts to obtain clarification on a number of previous occasions. Following a brief discussion the Committee felt that the issue did require further chasing and it was:

**AGREED** – That the Area Champion – Mun Thong Phung be asked to write to the Chief Executive to further seek clarification in respect of the position regarding devolved funding to Area Committees, and report back to the next Committee on 13 June 2013.

- MH58: Muswell Hill Library disabled access and use of space behind the Library - the Chair advised on feedback received from Councillor Watson regarding the review of the Library and that all options would be explored, and a community-based meeting would be organised with the local community/Ward Councillors/interested parties. Concerns were expressed by the Committee at the seemingly un-necessary delay.

With regard to the resurfacing issue on the space behind the Library the Chair advised that she would be raising this and also the MH Library and associated issues as part of the Muswell Hill Ward Walk on 1 May 2013.

**NOTED**

- The Chair advised that there was now a link on the Area Forum /Committee website to the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum.
- MH64 – Youth Provision – Councillor Newton advised that the CYPS Scrutiny Panel on Youth Services had met and local residents had attended. A further meeting was being arranged with providers/users of the Youth service.
- Issues pertaining to nursery places – noted that as yet no information had been forthcoming in respect of the nursery place details. The information provided though it was statistical, it did not give information pertaining to nursery and primary places, though details had been provided regarding secondary.

**ACTION:** Chair to further write to CYPS to seek further information regarding pre-primary and primary on a ward by ward basis.

- Neighbourhood disruptions – noted response from Service which did not actually respond to points raised by the Committee/Forum. Concerns expressed by Councillor Allison with regard to large scale private developments in Highgate and the subsequent dust and mess arising therefrom and also the resultant damage to road

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	<p>surfaces in the road leading up to the development. Comments from the Committee that there should be some level of condition or caveat built into such development permission that the developer should pay for road damage – similar to the 106 agreements – and that it was not fair that the Council footed the bill in each incident. Following comments of Councillor Jenks in respect of the ‘Community Infrastructure levy’ it was agreed that this matter would be pursued by Councillor Jenks/Councillor Wilson when the matter was to be considered by Cabinet.</p> <p><b>ACTION : Councillor Jenks</b> to raise issue via Councillor Wilson at forthcoming Cabinet on behalf of the Area Committee.</p>	
<p><b>MH71.</b></p>	<p><b>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>There were no questions, deputations or petitions.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<p><b>MH72.</b></p>	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS</b></p> <p><b>i. Local Policing</b></p> <p>Noted that the presentation and dialogue with the Assistant Borough Commander and team had been effective, positive and responsive. The presentation and message had been clear on the future policing of the four wards of the Area Committee.</p> <p>Responses to the letters from Cllr Newton and the Chair sent to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (copies attached) regarding the future of the Muswell Hill Police Station were still awaited. The main issues were the closure and loss of volunteer counter service, and the subsequent loss of a dedicated SNT police base at Muswell Hill for the three SNT Teams for Alexandra, Fortis Green and Muswell Hill. Concern was expressed at the lack of response to the initial letter and its follow-up and that the proposal to base the SNT Teams at Hornsey would cut down the police presence in the Muswell Hill area. Concern was also expressed at the size of the ‘western sector’ which went all the way to Finsbury Park and that the proposed contact point would only be open 3 hours a week. Taking all these factors into consideration there were doubts that the new service offer would be as good as that offered previously.</p> <p>Comments were expressed by Councillor Solomon that although there was going to be some evident disruption and</p>	

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loss it was clear to her that there would be no deviation from the proposed changes. Councillor Solomon commented further that where possible the new dedicated telephone numbers for contacting the police needed to be clearly published and known to local residents in order for incidents of crime to be reported now that the nearest Police Incident desk would be at Crouch End /Hornsey.

Concerns were also expressed by the Chair at the lack of disabled access to the proposed Police contact point in Muswell Hill Library which was not acceptable.

Councillor Hare felt that the Police and Council websites for the SNT would need clear information for residents of how the new SNT and incident reporting would work as well as giving clear information of contact numbers etc.

Councillor Jenks commented that when reporting an issue recently he had been impressed that he had been able to actually speak to a person on the phone who had been very helpful and clear in providing information.

**NOTED/AGREED** – that Members would address/review the new Policing arrangements after 24 June 2013 and would await a response from the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime regarding the two outstanding letters sent regarding the new SNT arrangements.

## **ii. Future of Health in Haringey**

The Chair commented that the item had been well received and the discussions and dialogue with all of the Health representatives had been positive and productive.

Comments of the Committee in relation to each of the items is summarised below.

### The Whittington

- Issues pertaining to the Whittington's infrastructure and its potential assets
- Concerns about the general safety of some of the 3 primary buildings at the Whittington, and 30 odd sites, with the current buildings being Victorian, and being perceived as not fit for purpose, and the general feeling of providing a secondary service, which would have a knock on effect for future provision, and concerns that the Whittington's status as a Primary hospital could change to a secondary status as it would not be a recommended hospital of choice by GPs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for clear avenues of consultation regarding the future of the Whittington</li> <li>• The need for ensuring patient choice in the area but that the Whittington needed to be promoted as a primary care facility as opposed to secondary and that it should be offered as a first choice and primary centre of excellence</li> <li>• Fears that the Hospital could become too small and therefore not able to offer/provide quality services and therefore needed to focus on providing an expert range and quality services that GPs and patients would be happy to use</li> </ul> <p>General comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aftercare and borough boundaries</li> </ul> <p>The need for analysis of two persons entering the hospital for the same treatment and the aftercare and how this differs between Boroughs</p> <p>The Chair felt that this issue was one to be referred to the Health Scrutiny Panel under the title of outcomes.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> – that Councillor Erskine would pursue this issue via the Health Scrutiny Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Check up</li> </ul> <p>Concerns that there were variances in 1-year health checks that had been raised in the Forum part of the meeting.</p> <p>Noted that this issue had been raised at the Health Scrutiny Panel particularly in relation to post natal depression/and early prevention.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<p><b>MH73.</b></p>	<p><b>AREA PLAN - UPDATE</b></p> <p>(i) Lighting Columns</p> <p>Noted Chair’s comment that information in terms of replacement of lighting columns had been received indicating that replacements in 2013/14 would only take place in certain areas. i.e Tottenham Hale, Tottenham Green, Northumberland Park, Stroud Green, and Hornsey.</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Allison advised that in respect of the heritage lighting at The Miltons and the replacement of the cast iron columns – she had spoken with a contractor working in Camden and was looking into the comparative cost of refurbishment as opposed to modern replacement. Cllr Allison advised that she had raised the issue recently with the CE and that she hoped that there could be progress on this.</p> <p>The Chair asked that Members be kept updated of progress.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>MH74.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b></p> <p>There were no further items of business.</p> <p><b>ITEMS AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FORUM/COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2013</b></p> <p><b>VENUE : The Royal British Legion Club at Muswell Hill</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Items to focus on Transport Theme</b></p> <p>Details from officers of how Highways issues raised in the Area Plan and Appendix can be put forward for inclusion in borough LIP bid to Transport for London for 2014–17.</p> <p>Transport officers guidance on submitting poor condition roads and pavements and replacement for old cast-iron lighting columns to be included in Sustainable Transport work plan 2014/15.</p> <p>Transport for London representative</p>	

The meeting ended at 21.35hrs

COUNCILLOR GAIL ENGERT

CHAIR