

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM HALE AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2013**

Present: Councillor Dhiren Basu, Councillor Isidoros Diakides, Councillor Claire Kober, Councillor Lorna Reith (Chair), Councillor Reg Rice and Councillor Bernice Vanier

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
OBCB78.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received following:</p> <p>Councillor Joe Goldberg Councillor Richard Watson</p>	
OBCB79.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	
OBCB80.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
OBCB81.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
OBCB82.	<p>ISSUES RAISED DURING THE AREA FORUM</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issues raised during the earlier Area Forum part of the meeting and the actions arising from these.</p> <p><u>Tottenham Green Park – East</u> Concern was expressed that the grass and hedges in the park were not being maintained as well as they could be and that there was a significant amount of litter in this part of the park. There was agreement that maintenance of this area should not be allowed to deteriorate whilst the overall regeneration work was awaited and officers were asked to contact the Parks Team and Veolia to ensure that the necessary works in order to keep this park to a good standard were undertaken.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets/No Drinking Zones/Urinating in Public</u> It was accepted that the lack of public toilets on the High Road, coupled with people urinating in the street, was an issue of concern for residents. However, the public toilets that had previously been in place (adjacent to Seven Sisters</p>	<p>John Morris/Michael McNicholas</p>

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tube station) had been the focus for Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), which residents had objected to. It was reiterated that the cost attached to having public toilets that were attended was too high and there was agreement that officers should be asked to look again at the possibility of engaging shops and local businesses in schemes whereby their facilities could be used by members of the public. It was also suggested that the possibility of using temporary urinals or 'pods' should be looked at.

The introduction of a blanket no drinking zone was discussed; however, it was noted that any potential benefit derived from this would need to be balanced against the rights of responsible drinkers.

High Road – Crossing from Seven Sisters Tube Station to Tesco

It was noted that the crossing had been out of use on several occasions over the last two months and that as a consequence people (particularly students from the college) were crossing the road at undesignated points across busy traffic lanes. There was agreement that officers should be asked to liaise with TfL to resolve this issue.

Tony Kennedy

Gyratory Works/Transport for London (TfL) Website

Residents had complained that TfL's website was poor and that information with regard to the works, including the switch over on 29 June, was difficult to find. In response officers from TfL had advised that the website was being re-designed and that the improved version would be in place by September. The Committee noted that TfL should be asked to make interim improvements to their website to ensure that information regarding works was clear.

Patrick Jones/Kirsten McCartney

Tottenham Green/High Road – Showcasing Local Businesses and Produce

The Committee discussed the merits of encouraging local traders to organise a market to showcase local produce and there was agreement that the Town Centre Manager should be asked to help create links between the organisers of Harringay market and local businesses in Tottenham.

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RESOLVED:

That the actions set out above be taken forward by the relevant officers and that an update be provided at the next meeting.

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OBCB83. UPDATE ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee considered a report that provided an update with regard to actions arising from the previous meeting, which was held on 25 April 2013.

There was agreement that a further update should be brought to the next meeting with respect to the following:

- The sharing of IT facilities in sheltered housing schemes to non residents

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use of new Community TV channels to 'sign post' a range of Council services <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and that, where appropriate, an update be provided at the next meeting.</p>	
OBCB84.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
	There were n new items of Urgent Business.	
OBCB85.	ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS	
	<p>The Committee discussed topics for the next meeting of the Area Forum and there was agreement that this should focus on young people and the Chair noted that she would contact the Principle of CHENEL regarding this.</p> <p>It was also agreed that it would be useful to have an item on the gyratory system given that the switch over would have taken place and that further work would be being undertaken. It was requested that officers from TfL should be invited to attend the meeting to given an update and take questions from local residents.</p>	Xanthe Barker
OBCB86.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	<p>The dates of future meetings, set out below, were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7 October 2013 ➤ 9 January 2014 ➤ 10 March 2014 	

COUNCILLOR LORNA REITH

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