

Minutes of the BHORA Half-Yearly Meeting

Held on 4th October 2016

At The Bounds Green Bowls & Tennis Club

1		Attendance
	a	Committee: L. Davenport (In the Chair), R. Blows, C. Chenier, B. Duffus, A. Forsyth, R. Hewes, R. Turner, L. Wright
	b	Members and Public: 48 were present
	c	Guest: Joanne McCartney (London Assembly Member for Enfield & Haringey).
	d	Apologies: The police representative
2		Accounts
		Accounts for the half year were tabled. A proposal by D. Honnor, seconded by C. Chenier for the annual subscription in 2017/8 to remain at £4 per household was agreed by the meeting.
3		Issues raised by the public
	a	Unauthorised Flat Conversions: BHORA would support residents where objections were made, but specific details of the house concerned needs to be provided. BHORA will then take up issues with LBE.
	b	GP Surgeries: BHORA continues to press Enfield Clinical Commissioning Group to provide a surgery on the Ladderswood Estate and to upgrade accommodation at the Arnos Gove practice.
	c	Schools: Broomfield School is to lose its 6 th form and Winchmore Hill School will be locating part of its 6 th Form at Broomfield. Provision has been made for Bowes Primary School to locate an additional 2 forms on the Broomfield site thus creating Bowes at Broomfield.
	d	Traffic Issues: There are unresolved issues affecting Brownlow Road, Warwick Road & other adjacent roads. It is clear that Brownlow Road will not be closed to heavy traffic until solutions are found for Warwick Road. Many complaints were made by residents who were present, particularly about the weight of traffic currently experienced on Brownlow Road which was causing buildings to shake and pollution to rise..
	e	Rubbish & Fly Tipping: Many complaints were raised about these issues in Bowes ward and particularly relating to Hardwick Road. Residents were urged to continue to complain to LBE and their councillors. One resident said that the area was going downhill fast and urgent action was needed. Ms. Davenport said BHORA would follow up these issues and ask for the police and councillors to keep a closer watch on the area. BHORA will request more police patrolling the area and constant clean-up of area.
	f	Zebra Crossing on Brownlow Road: Residents consider that this a dangerous crossing and urged action to provide better lighting. BHORA will request this again.
	g	Trees on the A406: J. McCartney advised the meeting that TfL were undertaking replanting (due to complete the end of October 2016).
	h	A resident raised the issue of a proposal to convert the former surgery on Bowes Road into 14 flats: BHORA promised to follow this up as it had not come to their notice.
	i	A resident sought to have improved lighting in Maidstone Road.
4		Police
		The police had been invited to update residents about the Smartwater initiative, but had been unable to attend. L. Davenport said BHORA would follow up and inform residents of progress.
5		Address by Joanne McCartney (Elected Member to the GLA for Enfield & Haringey)
	a	Outlined the Greater London organisation and likened its functions to those of parliament. The main duty of the Assembly was to monitor the Mayor's actions.

	<p>b The Mayor's Duties included chairing a number of committees within the GLA, but also liaison with the UK government and the EU.</p>
	<p>c The Mayor's Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing (seen by 75% of those consulted as the number 1 priority) • Transport: The Mayor had committed to continue investment, which included work to upgrade the Piccadilly Line. She noted that an announcement was imminent concerning the Crossrail 2 route towards Enfield and Haringey is imminent. The extension to New Southgate was in some doubt as the government was currently seeking to find a reduction in costs. • Air Quality: The Mayor planned to have an ultra low emission zone that will be extended to include the North and South Circular Roads. • Policing: Local councils will receive an extra ward officer next year and she promised to keep BHORA informed of progress. A consultation document on policing is due for publication in November 2016. She added that the police service face substantial budget cuts in the future and reviews will be looking to reduce senior staffing.
	<p>d Issues raised with Ms. McCartney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to protect parks and to oppose any privatisation. • Issues concerning Notting Hill Housing Trust: Residents found it difficult to engage with NHHT and they did not work with local residents. Ms. McCartney suggested that councillors were asked to set up meetings, but it was explained that there appeared to be friction between NHHT and councillors. A "consultation" was to be held over Ritz Parade, but residents are not confident that this will be more than just a presentation of a fait accompli. Residents made it clear that new amenities were needed in the vicinity of Ritz Parade to serve the increased population. Ms Davenport gave an update on the meeting BHORA had with NHHT 26/09/2016. • A resident raised concerns about the regular cancellation of trains on the Hertford branch. Ms. McCartney agreed and said that the GLA would like to see TfL take over the line's management.
<p>6</p>	<p>Close</p>
	<p>Ms. McCartney was thanked for her contribution and the meeting was closed at 20:55.</p> <p>Informal discussions moved into the bar.</p>