

AGM Draft minutes
Broomfield Home-owners and Residents Association
Tuesday 7th June, 7.30pm. Bounds Green Bowls & Tennis Club

1. **AGM** – Welcome. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting including David Burrowes MP and Cllrs Anderson and Sitkin.
2. Apologies. Joanne McCartney, Jane Maggs, Tina Solari, David Williams, Richard McKeever, Gabriela Schutz, Maryrose Weir.
3. 2015 AGM minutes approved.
4. Accounts. Copy available at front desk. The accounts for 2015/16 were approved. A formal Vote of Thanks was accorded Derek Honnor and Acting Auditor Peter Pate.
5. Joint officers report.
 - a. Committee includes Roger Blows, Roger Turner, Roland Hewes, Caroline Chenier, Andrea Forbes, and Laura Davenport – Secretary. Also like to thank Sarah Fogg and Simon Cliff for their contribution to the committee over the past 12 months.
 - b. As an association we have a number of aims including:
 - Keeping members up to date with activities of other local groups – we will hear from some of them shortly.
 - Petitioning the council with regard to school places, planning issues, rubbish, rats, tree planting etc.
 - We occasionally email out appeals, asking members to contact the council directly.
 - c. Our main focus this year has been a response to the **“Ritz Parade Opportunity Site Development Brief”**. We met with a member of the ***councils Regeneration and Environment team*** prior to the documents formal publication and it became clear that regardless of what the council wanted for the site the owners, Notting Hill Housing Trust, could do what they wanted, providing their plans sit within planning law. Whatever they want might not be what we have been promised or what we want or need.
 - d. We asked the council to hold a public meeting to discuss the community hub idea. This meeting took place 3rd February but there was some dissatisfaction with the lack of discussion regarding what local people want and need.
 - e. As a committee we emailed out a link to “Ritz Parade Opportunity Site Development Brief” document and asked members to send us their comments. We then put together the comments into BHORAs formal response and submitted to the council in February.
 - f. Prior to submitting the document ***we also met with a member of the NHHT Development and New Business Team***. We walked along the A406 together discussing what opportunities there might be for community facilities. Needless to say, it’s all to do with money! The site left for community development, the Ritz Parade and old Esso site need to ‘stack up’ financially. Enfield Council have told us that the Ritz Parade is the site for community facilities and if they work well with NHHT and listen to what we have to say this evening hopefully we will get a thriving community hub along the A406.
 - g. The committee would like to thank everyone who has contacted us over the past 12 months, whether it be to raise a local issue or update us on a community event taking place. Thank you.
6. Election of 2016-17 committee. Chair – no-one came forward for Chair. Treasurer - Derek Honnor (proposer Laura Davenport, seconded Roland Hewes. Secretary – Laura Davenport (proposer Caroline Chenier, seconded Karen Oliveri). Officers without portfolio – Brenda Duffus, Mojrum Lo-Conte, Liz Wright, Caroline Chenier, Andrea Forbes (not present) Roger Blows, Roger Turner (not present), Roland Hewes and Ronald Conn.
7. A sheet was passed around for members to record their concerns and issues in the area.

- - Bowes Road emissions & monitoring – pollution a problem
 - Traffic - Reducing traffic on Brownlow Rd. Specifically heavy lorries.
 - Warwick/Brownlow
 - 20mph across whole area and up into Enfield
 - CPZ for York Road
 - Double white lines for Goring Rd/Brownlow Rd
 - Zebra Crossing. York Rd/Brownlow Rd needs re-painting
 - Flytipping at corner of Brownlow Rd/North circular
 - Litter - More litter bins outside shops between Brownlow Rd & Hardwicke - A406
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 - Dirty pavements and planted areas along A406
 - Cleaning the brook/cutting trees
 - Cleaning roads
 - Ensuring enforcement action is taken against illegal/unauthorised flat conversions & properties in multi occupancy
 - Burglaries
 - Fast food outlets at Bounds Green tube. Cut down from 6 to 3 outlets.
 - Improving shop parades by Bounds Green Station
 - Preserving Arnos & Broomfield Park. The Friends of Broomfield Park have been doing this since 2008 & the Friends of Arnos Park have made a good start.
 - Flood area? Where
8. Close of AGM

Update from community groups and how to get involved.

Friends of Arnos Park – Alison Lister – Chair. <https://friendsofarnospark.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofArnosParkLondon>

Aim is to make Arnos Park better, volunteers work on flowerbeds, fruit trees raised veg beds, prune & tidy the park. 17th July = Summer picnic, 17th September = dog show, 600 people visited the park for the dog show 2015! Also photography competition, best photo of the park. A Volunteer Work Party meets monthly.

Broomfield House Trust – Colin Younger <http://broomfieldhouse.org/index.html>

Heritage Lottery Enterprise Fund is the next step to find funds to restore the house and stable yard for maximum community use. Consultants are drawing up a variety of options including housing, demolition, and operating as an arts centre. London Borough Enfield have made the first Heritage Lottery Enterprise Fund enquiry which formally begins the process. Also looking for a much smaller grant of £70,000 to produce a digital history. Historic England have Broomfield House on it's "buildings at risk" list.

Palmers Greenery Café – Sarah Cotton <http://www.friendsofbroomfieldpark.org/cafe.php>

Open for 2 years now and in it's first full year of trading it has made a surplus of £8,000 all of which is ploughed back into the park as this is a not for profit project. Approximately 50 volunteers open the café 3 days a week and they want it to grow, reaching out to special educational needs groups, over 50's etc... They are working with Cllr Anderson.

Pinkham Way Alliance – Stephen Brice <http://www.pinkhamwayalliance.org/>

Our thanks for all the support from BHORA and its members over the past five years. Without solid local support, indicated by rising numbers signing up to succeeding submissions, we simply would not have achieved a fraction of what we have.

Having made our Regulation 19 submission to Haringey in March (Reg 19 is the last consultation prior to public hearings), we're now waiting to find out when the hearings themselves will happen. They were scheduled for July, but will now be put back until after the summer. The Inspector has actually been appointed.

The drive behind Haringey's continued attempts to retain the site's employment designation (it's got dual designation of SINC/employment) is, to us, entirely political. NLWA has been left, after the abandonment of its original 2011 plans for the site, with an open green space of 4.5ha for which it has no use. (The authority now describes PW as a 'strategic asset', which to us cynics shows it has really no idea what it going to do with it!!)

Haringey has not only put forward no evidence for suitability for employment but has actually ignored evidence of unsuitability from 2 sets of advisors, whilst misrepresenting the advice of one advisor about 'safeguarding employment land'. (LBH has always

implied that there is blanket advice from the advisor to safeguard ALL employment land, when the advisor, having already said the site is unsuitable, points out that there is little point in safeguarding unsuitable land.

Ecological advice to LBH re PW is that 'it is a rare resource for Haringey of high ecological value'. I said that we hadn't heard anything more from the Council about that. We've actually commissioned and published 2 studies ourselves, both accepted by LBH; the first is a general ecological appraisal, and the second an invertebrate study. An invertebrate study, which in PW's case showed a very rich site, is apparently the most accurate method of assessing a site's ecological value.

The North London Waste Plan, the land use exercise drafted by the 7 N London councils, is shortly (end-July) to start a Reg 19 (pre hearing) consultation, with hearing scheduled for early 2017. (Note that for the second time it's happening during summer holidays) Although it's plain to us that LBH has pulled a series of three-card tricks to insert the site into the Waste Plan, including, by its own admission, failure to take into account PWA submissions by not reading them, the NLWP cannot investigate the actual soundness of the process and evidence through which a site is put forward for assessment in the Waste Plan. The NLWP is simply there to test suitability for waste. Again our arguments are very strong, but the risk is much higher.

Thus the Local Plan stage coming up in Haringey (ie the hearings) are most important.

Palmers Green open studio and art trail – Dan Maier <http://www.openstudios.uk.com/>

Dan Maier has her studio in Southgate and like many artists, works in isolation. She decided to try and get to know local artists and organised the open studios and arts trail where local shops host local artists and promote their work. This works well for shops, attracting more people as well as giving artists the chance to show their work locally. In the first year 44 artists exhibited in 26 venues and was funded in part by the Arts Council and the residents priority fund. Dan noted a key problem in the area is lack of space for artists to run workshops or rent studio space.

Community hub/community facilities. Simon Cliff outlined the need for a community hub, something promised by the local authority, something that would help provide much needed services for all those moving into the area and those who already live here. Notting Hill Housing Trust now own the old Esso site (next to Ritz Parade) and the Ritz Parade, this is a prime spot for community facilities. Comments made from the floor:

- I don't trust Notting Hill Housing Trust.
- A question about education was raised.
- Where is the mature landscaping?
- Screening needed between main road and pavement.
- Too much rubbish
- We should find out what the Ritz tenants think - Jehovah's Witnesses
- We should look to use the leisure facilities, fields etc at Broomfield School
- David Burrowes MP is to meet Kate Davies (NHHT) 22nd July and walks the area, all welcome.
- Cllr Sitkin said NHHT made a commitment to community re facilities when Ken Barnet was the NHHT project manager.
- Committee member, Ronald Hewes, has written to NHHT questioning the landscaping scheme. He has emailed
- them a picture of how the landscaping looks at present and compares to the images they published.
- Terry A pointed out that at the bottom of Hardwick Rd a sign says "low level pollution area".
- Cars speed along A406, traffic lights have been synchronised to allow this. Change needed.
- Variable Speed Cameras needed.
- **Action – new committee will try and improve the above situation.**

Questions & Answers. Caroline Chenier took the Chair. Questions were put to David Burrowes MP, Cllrs Sitkin and Anderson.

- Constant rubbish at bottom of Hardwick Rd and possible drug dealing.
- Rumour that Bowes Rd Library to reduce opening hours, not have professional staff in place, have self-service only. Cllr Anderson said that this was not the case. **Action – Laura Davenport has contacted the council for further clarification.**

- Pymmes brook a mess, whose job is it to clear it up.
- Cllr Sitkin was asked if any progress had been made to help the Arnos Grove Health Centre which was experiencing a large influx of new patients. No progress was reported.

Jeff Rodin remembered. In April of this year former Bowes Ward councillor, Jeff Rodin, passed away. He represented Bowes Ward from 1986-2010 and during that period he was Deputy Leader of the Opposition 1987-1989, Leader of the Opposition 1989-1994 & 2005-2010 and Leader of the council 1994-1999. It was noted that Jeff worked tirelessly for local people and was committed to improving people's lives.

Raffle time. £28 was taken on the raffle with 3 prizes won.