



Hanover and Elm Grove Communities Forum meeting
Minutes of the Committee Meeting
20th February 2019
Venue : The Edge

Chair: Joyce Edmond Smith

Present: Amy Allison, Leila, Francis, Callum Upton, Alexia Lazou, Vanessa Cox-Pendray, Paul Tilley, Jasmine Hetherington-Wilkes, Alexandra Naoumoff, Duncan Blinkhorn, Elaine Hills, David Gibson, Sarah McCarthy, Simon Bannister, Emma Reeves

- 1. Apologies** David Hearn, Paul | Norman, Ian McIntyre, Mark Strong
- 2. Minutes agreed**
- 3. Diversity and Inclusion.** The discussion focused on how to get a more diverse mix of people, including ethnic groups. We need to contact people and consider how we engage them. Simon will try to engage non-English speakers at Bellerby's College and suggested we need to agree on a draft of what we're about.

He proposed Elaine (as comms) to put together a mission statement to circulate to get an agreed draft. It was agreed that Elaine would put together a basic draft for the next meeting to aim to get people want to be involved. Alex and Duncan would add link to their Patch Facebook page.

Amy stated that Pankhurst Estate doesn't feel part of Hanover and Elm Grove, and asked if there's a way of adding that to the name. An acronym with all of the areas in it might work. David Gibson suggested *Communities Forum* followed by the different names of areas (*Hanover, Elm Grove, Pankhurst* etc) and a map to show areas represented. Chair suggested this could be used, with a possible acronym for notice boards. Simon explained the logo is open to change and he will come back next time with new logo ideas.

It was agreed that updating notice boards to Publicise what the Forum is doing is needed, and people are needed to do it. Amy has the key for Pankhurst and can give to people who want to put up posters.

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Chair referred to the suggestion to limit the time of Committee members to two years and whether to take this forward.

It was agreed that a limit of 2 years would not be sensible and that no-one should be forced to stand down after 2 years.

iii The Chair pointed out that a time limit for Chairs is often seen differently, and a limit to Chairing was raised at the Forum meeting. Often after 3-4 years there is an election for a chair, and whilst sitting chairs can re-stand it is also open for others to stand. It was agreed this needs consideration.



iv. Application to Community Works.

Chair reported This has been received and we are now members and will be receiving a welcome pack. The Committee will be kept informed of any opportunities that emerge.

v. Simon confirmed laptop spend is going ahead.

David G: met - Mr. Clinton who might be interested in representing Wellington Rd area on the committee.. It was agreed he should put himself forward.

5. Review of community event on 16th Feb with Rachel Chasseaud - Assistant Director Environment at Brighton and Hove council

David Gibson commented on the low turnout (around 15 people) saying it could have been advertised better. General comments were that it was an event that would have been of interest to many local people as there are a lot of issues regarding refuse and recycling in the area, it was considered a missed opportunity. A discussion followed about the need for an advertising/publicity strategy generally: getting in touch with groups via Facebook and other means, and cascading across the relevant community groups, and updating community notice boards too.

The Chair stressed the need to publicise events beforehand and Emma suggested that making people aware of the results of events and meetings, could mean they would be more likely to engage next time.

It was agreed to hold a Steering group for this (which could work alongside the strategy for diversifying the membership.) It would allow for inclusion all of relevant groups and information. Elaine to contact the following to brainstorm a strategy: Emma Reeves, Simon, Sarah McCarthy and Paul Tilley.

The Chair: informed that at the 16 February event . Rachel agreed to a written response to Ian McIntyre. She stressed the fact that crews would be clearing up in future and not leaving a mess. She talked about problem of recycling becoming contaminated if more than 10% of the items in a recycling box are not recyclable by the contractor, because it cannot be recycled and therefore goes to land-fill or possibly energy from waste . Few are aware of this and it needs to be made clear what can and cannot be recycled as people really want what they put out to be recycled.

Rachael is aware of Hanover's narrow pavements and suggested that because many people have nowhere to put recycling , she aims to ensure that households are given a canvass bag to put it in before collection day . There are other proposals and she committed to come back and agree on action plan, in 6 to 9 months. Big street bins were suggested, which could be decorated. Sarah said there was a suggestion of getting young people of Phoenix/voluntary organisations involved in decorating bins.

Chair found it was a promising meeting but is a little concerned that some things are being "looked into" rather than to be done . A project regarding students and



informing people who live in HMOs about how recycling might be different was suggested.

With regards to the question: What happens next? It was agreed we need a better attended meeting on refuse/recycling next time.

6. CF Action Plan

Progress of publication

Theme 2. Crime and community safety.

Chair reported David Hearn is in contact with the author of the Council's Neighbourhood's, Communities and Housing leaflet. The Idea is to publish it on HELGLAT website and think about things to add/take off.

Simon passed round Moulsecoomb/Bevendean and East Brighton publications. The council is keen on producing a similar one for our area. They follow a set format. We need to decide which places we would like to have highlighted on the map. The publication will include neighbourhood action plans, stats (population, employment, health outcomes etc.). Simon circulated an unfinished document for Hanover and Elm Grove. He would like boxes filling in by theme leaders – words, pictures, stories, and projects. The leaders are: Ian MacIntyre, David Hearn, Paul Norman, David Gibson, Simon Bannister. There is as yet no health lead.

The Chair asked if this publication will come to the committee for final agreement. Simon said it's an imperfect process by its nature and against time so it won't. He sees it as a constantly evolving process, so we can't worry too much about a 'finished' product; it's more of a snapshot. We need to get it as final as possible soon.

David Gibson said we should aim for a final version by the next meeting.

Chair asked for updates on other themes

David Gibson: Update on Phoenix Association action plan – it has been launched. Progress has also been made with Wellington Residents.

Simon: there is a digital drop-in at the Annunciation Church, Washington St, every Wednesday 2-4pm. And a 6-week digital course. It's on Community Forum website.

YMCA Right Here

Jasmine Hetherington presented the work and activities that are being carried out by the YMCA Right Here for young people in the city. The charity designs, delivers and carries out campaigns. A present campaign is aimed at parents and carers and how parents can discuss drinking, drugs and alcohol with them.

Jasmine wants ideas about how we can reach parents and carers in the area. Not to tell people how to parent, rather to update parents/carers with what's available, slang terms etc so they can get involved. Jasmine hoped those in the



room would spread the word to their community groups and any thoughts on the campaign and what needs to happen next would be welcome.

The Chair suggested that this relates to neighbourliness and crime, and other areas of the Plan and perhaps leaders might think about how Jasmine's campaign might be useful within their framework?

David G: suggested people from community groups can cascade this down to their groups and then approach Jasmine directly. To the Chair's question how this might happen Alex said she will put on Patch page. Paul will make Amy aware for the Phoenix web page. Callum will forward to the universities. Alex suggested also on community notice boards. Amy will put it in the restorative justice newsletter. Articles are being added plus info about organisations around the city. Simon B had already put it on the website .

8. Collaboration fund update.

Phoenix Project

Sarah McCarthy gave an update on Phoenix ballpark. The consultation is half way through but is taking a break because the development of the Free Butt is taking up time. Simon has put up boards where people can add comments about how they want the site to be used. There have been door-to-door consultations and a questionnaire to find out what residents want to do with that space. Turner Youth Project has asked for views of those living nearby too. We know people want Wi-Fi and maybe a smaller games space/meeting space. The consultation has been very positive and a democratic way to meet the needs of the community. Young people at Phoenix are involved in an art project going on back of Phoenix Gallery.

Pankhurst Project

Amy: The bike project is not happening. They have money to spend so the Pankhurst project is to go into the news publication. This is going across the whole ward. Restorative justice is a key aspect. The newsletter will be about what's happening in the ward, positive and negative, case studies about young people, info through stories. One negative practice mentioned that may go in – incidents of cuckooing (drug dealers exploiting vulnerable people and using their houses). Amy thought of targeting Turner, as well as Hanover and Elm Grove. Sarah agreed that it would be good to deliver in Turner. She suggests adding to the next meeting's agenda: An update on the newsletter. Need to think of a title for it.

8. Data protection and security

Simon said we need an agreement regarding using each other's emails. We will see names when communicating among ourselves, but anonymous when David H send things out. Simon will put GDPR info on the website.

AOB

David Gibson: Brighton General Hospital Action Group. A coalition of groups has launched a campaign regarding the Brighton General hospital site. They are



asking for the public asset to be used for public benefit – meet needs for NHS. and any surplus, it should be used for truly affordable housing and community use. David suggested we invite the group to one of our meetings to see what could happen with the site, as there are a number of groups represented in the Forum who might be interested.

A discussion ensued . The Chair suggested this would be a complex issue and would take some time . Those invited may have hopes for support, which likely would mean mean a full discussion and we will need to take account in timing the Agenda.

Sarah: asked whether it might not be seen as an information gathering process and individual groups represented at the Forum can get involved rather than the forum itself?

Simon B: said an open meeting for the broader membership might be better. David G: said that would happen anyway and this would be an opportunity for the groups to be informed. We would not be saying we endorse this campaign as a Forum.

The Chair felt we would need to know the timing for the Agenda .It was suggested 30 minutes. The discussion revolved around whether a public meeting would not be more appropriate , the idea that local groups would be affected and may well be interested and whether there would be time for that and other items on the Agenda . Sarah McArthy had asked for Free butt to be on the agenda which will take at least 10 minutes . Attending the public meeting was proposed .

Alexia asked :- Can we not all be sure that we're at the public meeting?

Amy felt the Pankhurst Association will be very interested in what is going on as it's in their area. . Emma: It will have to be discussed as it affects our Forum . A provisional date is in March. David G. suggested there should be a meeting arranged for the groups. Anyone really interested in the idea of a community plan rather than a general hospital plan could go along. He proposed organising a special session, - a meeting for anyone who is interested. The Chair thought the invites should be wider, and include those nearby, such as group in May Road etc.. We need to contact a wider group of people who should be involved.

David G. offered to invite them.

Simon thought we need to grapple with issues about how the area is changing – will need to do whatever's timely.

David G. suggested a special meeting might be best with regulars and a wider group. He offered to contact the campaign, get a date, place and circulate across our regulars. This was agreed .

Next meeting Wednesday 20 March 2019 The Phoenix Art Gallery, green Room, 6.30 – 8.30

It was confirmed that the Free Butt development will be on the next agenda.