

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

MINUTES

1. Chairman's report

- MH explained the Forum's purpose to create a Neighbourhood Plan used in planning policy.
- MH noted that to date, the purpose has been to put together a plan that makes Mayfair the best place in London to live, work and visit, recognising there will be development but that development should benefit all.
- MH explained the plan notes that Park Lane is poor, the squares are beautiful and Bond Street is improving, also noted that Saville Row has now trained 82 apprentices.
- MH noted and thanked Oliver Wright, who has written most of the plan and whose advice the MNF retains.
- MH explained that in the future what is most important is:
 - The plan is put into action
 - The plan's policies are followed
 - The MNF remains a representative Forum for Mayfair

2. Plan Progress Update

- MH explained that in January 2019 an application to renew the mandate of the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum was approved by WCC for 4 more years
- In Spring 2019 the 'Forum of Forums' was launched, comprising of 16 forums in Westminster, they will meet in September with Cllr Richard Beddoe to discuss how best to engage with the council and how to allocate the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- MH confirmed that on May 15th the MNF received a draft report on the plan from the Examiner, challenges are only permitted on errors in points of law or fact.
- MH confirmed there were no such errors within the report and shared the following headlines:
 - Examiner supported the MNP's policy on Park Lane to consider proposals to improve this area.
 - Examiner did not allow the moratorium on events within public spaces between June-August each year, however, the policy that the squares should only be used for events for 40 days in a calendar year was upheld.
- MH explained the Steering Group's view is that the plan in its form should be submitted to referenda and noted the vast number of positive policies for Mayfair this plan would include such as:
 - Policy around quality of buildings
 - Ensuring the condition of public spaces are reinstated following events
 - Events can only be held for 40 days in squares in a calendar year
 - New developments must not create undue noise between 11pm-7am.

3. Amendments to the Articles of Association

- JB presented on the Steering Group's proposed changes to the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's articles of association (see powerpoint attached).
- BLOCK 1:
 - o The Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum voted in favour of proposals to change the articles of association as follows:
 - 4 Business Directors, 4 Resident Directors and up to 4 Community Directors
 - Any Director can be Chair
 - Chair usually holds office for 1 year (and a maximum of 2)
 - Vice Chair must be a different membership category to Chair
 - Vice Chair will usually take over as Chair
 - Chair does not hold a casting vote
- BLOCK 2:
 - o The Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum voted in favour of proposals to change the articles of association as follows:
 - One Business, Resident and Community member will be elected or re-elected to the Steering Group each year. Vacancies in each category will be filled and if no vacancy exists in a category, the longest serving Director will stand-down and seek, if they so choose, re-election.
 - A steering group member must stand for re-election after 8 years.
- BLOCK 3:
 - o The Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum voted in favour of proposals to change the articles of association as follows:
 - Re-alignment of membership category definitions. Member must be an individual who demonstrably works (Business) or lives (Resident) in Mayfair or is a representative of an organisation that demonstrably operates for the benefit of the Mayfair Area community as a whole (Community).
 - Automatic loss of membership if member no longer works, lives or represents a Community organisation in Mayfair.
 - Clarifying that "days" = "business days".

4. Steering Group Elections

- a. Resident Director
 - Gordon Morrison stood unopposed and was successfully elected for the role of resident director on the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's Steering Group.
- b. Community Director
 - Tim Steel stood unopposed and was re-elected for the role of community director on the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's Steering Group
- c. Business Director
 - Massimiliano (Max) Binda and Kris Lewis Greenwood stood for the role of business director on the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's Steering Group.
 - The Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum membership voted for Masimiliano (Max) Binda, to join the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's Steering Group in the role of business director.

5. Treasurer's Report

- BD reported on the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum's funding position and showed that the Forum remain stable with a cash balance of £16,767.33 in the bank accounts.