



MAYFAIR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**MAYFAIR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – STEERING GROUP MEETING
15:00-17:00, Wednesday 15th December 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Minutes**

Participants

Gordon Morrison (Chair)	Resident
Jace Tyrell (Vice-Chair)	Community
Jeremy Bishop	Resident
Scott Marshall (on behalf of B Dawson)	Business
Piers Townley	Business
Fr Dominic Robinson	Community
Zaria Pinchbeck	Resident
Giles Easter	Business
Richard Cutt	Community
Eric Scots-Knight	Resident
Graham Barnes	Community
Edward Watts	Resident
Sandeep Bhalla	Business

In Attendance

Catherine Jenkins	Placemaking
Mike Wood	Arup
Nick Sutcliffe	BECG
Nigel Hughes	MNF
Nick Brindley	Gerald Eve

Apologies

Julian Stocks	Business
Zaria Pinchbeck	Resident

Minutes

Last steering group and AGM minutes approved. There are still a few actions to follow up on:

- Piers to review the definition of the Community director.
- Nigel to draft response to WCC on the Early Engagement Guidance



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Update on A3 study

Nick Brindley updated the group on the improvements made to make the A3 study more accessible. The MNF Steering Group agreed that the report needed to be updated regularly (e.g. monthly / quarterly) to be a useful document.

Mayfair Green Route

Mike Wood provided the update on the Aldford Street design, which has been updated to reflect the services in the ground. Still a number of questions exist, including the funding for the maintenance and funding for the whole scheme.

Discussion on supporting Curzon cinema being an Asset of Value to the Community (AVC)

Nick Sutcliffe provided an overview of the need to support the Curzon cinema being an AVC. Edward Watts also provided his support on the importance of the cinema to the community.

ACTION: Edward Watts to organise a discussion with directors of the Steering Group to produce a recommendation to the Steering Group on whether to prepare an application for the Curzon cinema to be an AVC.

Planning & Public Realm committee report

Nigel provided the update:

- MNF plan to object to the development application above the Dior unit on Bond Street as it results in a loss of residential (Jace abstained from the discussion due to a conflict of interest)
- The sub-committee have had presentations from Shepherds Market public realm and Lancashire Court redevelopment. Both of which were positively received by the sub-committee. There is a concern about the increase in restaurant use within Lancashire Court, but this is being clarified by the developer.

Richard Cutt highlighted that WASF are writing a letter to Michael Gove MP to request that local authorities are given the power to apply restrictions within Use Classes, which could enable WCC to limit restaurant use. MNF should consider whether to also write to Michael Gove.

Comms committee report

Jace provided the update:

- Final newsletter to MNF members will be sent out shortly

CIL committee report

Eric provided the update:



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- British Land have set a prohibitive high cost to supply the power to the Reverse vending machine, which is putting at risk the installation within West One
- CCTV project has £230k budget approved by WCC. Placemaking Ltd have put together a proposal for Phase 1, which is to conduct a study on suitable technologies and produce a CCTV strategy for the area.

ACTION: MNF Steering Group to provide feedback to Eric on the proposed CCTV project before the end of the year.

Election of MNF officers

Piers provided the update:

- Only one candidate has come forward for each of the officer positions
 - o Gordon for Chair
 - o Jace for Vice Chair
 - o Bob for Treasurer
 - o Piers for Secretary
- The appointments were agreed by the Steering Committee, with the point made that Jace should be ready to step into the Chair role next year

As Fr Richard Fermer resigned last month, there is one Community Director role space. A candidate for the position has shown interest in applying, which is Natasha Mitchell from the Royal Academy. The MNF group agreed that we should first answer the question of what constitutes a Community organisation, and then the MNF should source additional interested candidates from community organisations.

ACTION: Piers to prepare a report on what constitutes a Community organisation for a discussion and agreement at the MNF committee in January.

AOB

MNF discussed potentially changing the start time of the Steering Committee meetings, to see whether a different start time would be more inclusive to director's other commitments. ***ACTION: Piers to gather preferences from the Steering Group, which will be reviewed in the January 2022 meeting.***

Edward Watts raised the point that there is an issue of the visibility of the MNF in the community and asked what we could do about it. Jace mentioned that it was a focus for the 2022 Marketing sub-committee.