

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

Participants

Gordon Morrison (Chair) Resident Jace Tyrell (Vice-Chair) **Business** Fr Richard Fermer Community Scott Collier Community Diana Dennis Resident Jeremy Bishop Resident **Piers Townley Business Eric Scots Knight** Resident Zaria Pinchbeck Resident Giles Easter **Business** Sandeep Bhalla **Business Richard Cutt** Community Petra Slater Community **Cllr Barnes** WCC

In Attendance

Nigel Hughes MNF

Katie Thomas

Apologies

Fr Dominic Robinson Community
Bob Dawson Business
Cllr Lewis WCC

Minutes

Last steering group minutes approved.

Presentation on Art in Mayfair

Katie Thomas provided a presentation on Art in Mayfair, which has the goal of celebrating art and culture in Mayfair over a month. It aims to create inspirational content during the month in collaboration with many occupiers in Mayfair.

Sculpture trail started last year and received great coverage, so plan to continue for the next 5 years. Used the Smartify app to create self-guided tours, which works effectively.



Question was asked on whether this initiative would consult with the local community in future years. Response that the initiative is commercially led, but welcome to the community getting involved.

Expenditure approvals process

Process agreed, with the addition that any contracts follow the same approval limits as the expenditure limits.

Planning & Public Realm report

Nigel provided an update on schemes discussed.

- Leconfield House scheme approved by WCC subject to legal agreement. WCC felt that a hotel use was appropriate for the area.
- Audley pub presentation given by ArtFarm. A large number of resident concerns relate to change of use of floors 2-4 into private dining. Further detail to come through at the townhall on 23rd February, along with the revised OMS.
- Porsche Garage more detail required before the committee can comment on whether it is inline with the Mayfair Neighbourhood Plan or not. The applicant needs to properly address how this impacts on MRU1.
- OSD framework launched this week, which has been broadly supported by the different communities.
- Robert Ayton provided a perspective on how WCC makes decisions on conservation as it relates to proposed changes across Mayfair

Action – Nigel to send Robert Ayton's presentation to the Steering Group members.

CIL report

Eric provided an update. The current priorities for the CIL sub-committee are as follows:

- 1. Develop and define working relationship with WCC and agree on operating processes for the MNF CIL WCC relationship
- 2. Implement the three approved and funded CIL Projects
- 3. Consult all stakeholders on suggestions for new projects
- 4. Appoint project leaders for new projects
- 5. Distill and present the list of suggestions to MNF Steering Group for approval
- 6. Appoint Project Manager to submit applications to WCC

ESK provided an update on CIL projects including a discussion on how the issue of how to manage future maintenance and how to deal with contracts and associated liabilities.

Question asked whether the decision on the CIL project priorities should go through the MNF committee for approval, or just be made by the stakeholder group. Agreed that ESK would propose the approval process for future CIL project priorities.

Action – Eric to send CIL briefing papers to the Steering Group members.



Comms report

Jace provided an update.

Currently refreshing the membership of the sub-committee.

3 main areas of focus for the sub-committee in 2021, which are 1) how best to support the MNF, 2) how best to support CIL projects, and 3) how best to engender a community through events.

NWEC update

Jace provided an update.

Ballot underway for the next 5 years business plan, with the initial focus of investment will go on getting customers back.

Also looking at enhancing security once lockdown ends, working with landowners.

Post Covid event

Too early to plan an event.

AOB

Gordon gave an update on a meeting with the leader of WCC, who reported positive progress on Covid vaccinations and Covid numbers in Westminster, good progress on rough sleeping, City Plan to be adopted in March, and outside dining to be improved through widening pavements.