

# Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum Steering Committee Wednesday 22nd February 3pm – 4:50pm at BEAM Offices, 27 Farm Street and Online

# **Steering Group participants**

Gordon Morrison (GM) (Chair) Resident **Business** Paul O'Grady (PO'G) Father Dominic Robinson (FDR) Community Resident Jeremy Bishop (JB) Edward Watts (EW) Resident Dee Corsi (DC) **Business** Natasha Mitchell (NM) Community Giles Easter (GE) **Business** Zaria Pinchbeck (ZP) Resident Charles Owen (CO) **Business** Eric Scots-Knight (ESK) Resident Sandeep Bhalla (SB) (Online) **Business** Jenny Casebourne (JC) (for Julian Stocks) Business

# In Attendance

Nigel Hughes (NH) Planning and Public Realm Chair Catherine Jenkins (CJ) Marketing and Communications Belinda Harley (BH) Planning and Public Realm

### Secretariat

Aimee van der Merwe (AV) Grosvenor

# **Apologies**

Graham Barnes (GB) Community
Natasha Mitchell (NM) Community

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- The Steering Group approved the minutes of the November General Meeting.
- The Steering Group acknowledged the minutes of the non-quorate meeting held online on 21<sup>st</sup>
   December 2022.

# **Chairman's Update**

- GM confirmed that NH will continue roles until replacements are found.
- Any new members of the MNF Steering Group will be required to fulfil key functions of the Forum.

#### **Planning & Public Realm Update**

• NH provided on update on 63-65 Curzon Street which is supported by P&PRC subject to affordable housing provision and further work on sustainability. The proposed development of



Leconfield House requires a follow up presentation for further enquiry about the use and operation of the building.

# Additional discussion points:

- P&PRC support the application to move statue of Lord Byron to Hyde Park.
- Further discussion is needed with various Saville Row developers for update on activity. **ACTION NH**
- WCC are looking to set up external design review panel.
- Future of The Curzon Cinema and community support.

# **Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy Update**

- ESK provided update on CIL allocation and activity. On Mount Street Piazza, lavender underplanted has been completed as part of the Mayfair Green Route.
- Alford Street Gardens application is waiting response from WCC. Action to approach the nearby developers for 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributions to the project. ACTION NH/ESK
- The pilot of CCTV network in Mayfair is progressing and the equipment is due to be installed in Berkeley Square in Q2 2023. BEAM will monitor the equipment during the pilot scheme. The challenge going forward will be ensuring police funding and monitoring of equipment.
- MNF to consider CIL funding for Shepherd's Market and Nigel Hughes to circulate numbers. To be discussed at next Steering Group.

#### **Communications & Park Lane**

- EW shared improvements needed to MNF website and members mailing list.
- EW to lead on improvements to MNF website and bring a proposal to next Steering Group. **ACTION EW**
- CJ and Placemaking to look at potential funding options for website improvements. ACTION CJ
- Grosvenor to review mailing list and ask current members to 'opt in', subject to GDPR. ACTION
   POG
- 3-4 MNF members are to take shared responsibility for <u>info@mayfairforum.org</u> inbox. **ACTION** AVDM
- MNF submitted a formal (negative) response to the cycle land on Park Lane and are awaiting outcome from TfL.

# **Tyburn Route**

POG shared that a coordinated but flexible approach to the River Tyburn has been agreed. POG
is to share outputs from South Molton Triangle River Tyburn workshop and consider joint
approach to River Tyburn in Victoria and St James. ACTION POG

# **Unsociable Behaviour & Rough Sleeping**

- Fr Dominic provided an update homelessness in Mayfair followed by a discussion on the challenges of tackling homelessness.
- The Steering Group agree that the MNF should take a leading role on tackling homelessness in Mayfair, but expert guidance is needed as well as a joined-up approach with other parts of Westminster.



• Father Dominic and CO to meet with the Centre for Homelessness who are to advise MNF on possible solutions. **ACTION Fr D/CO** 

# **AOB**

- The MNF term expires year-end 2023. To renew, the MNF will need to demonstrate active and growing membership. The application process starts in August with submission in September/October to be considered for renewal in December 2023. Engagement with community is needed to encourage new members to join.
- Application for Grosvenor Green Futures funding is available for projects up to £20k.