

Agenda Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum Steering Committee Online Wednesday 21st June 2023 3pm

Steering Group participants

Gordon Morrison (GM) (Chair) Resident Paul O'Grady (PO'G) **Business** Father Dominic Robinson (FDR) Community Jeremy Bishop (JB) Resident Edward Watts (EW) Resident Dee Corsi (DC) Community Giles Easter (GE) **Business** Belinda Harley (BH) Resident Natasha Mitchell (NM) Community Sandeep Bhalla (SB) **Business**

Apologies

Zaria Pinchbeck (ZP) Resident
Graham Barnes (GB) Community
Charles Owen (CO) Business

In Attendance

Nigel Hughes (NH)

Planning and Public Realm Chair

Catherine Jenkins (CJ)

Marketing and Communications

Cllr Paul Fisher (CPF) Westminster City Council

Secretariat

Aimee van der Merwe (AV) Grosvenor

Chairman's Update and Approval of Minutes from May Steering Group (GM)

- Minutes approved.
- Resources: Belinda Harley has agreed to take responsibility for CIL, Edward Watts to reduce responsibility for Communications. Applications needed for new Chairman to replace GM.

Transformation of Park Lane (NH)

- Park Lane is included within the Neighbourhood Plan with aspirations to improve it including traffic reduction, public realm improvements and improved access to Hyde Park.
- Proposals for Park Lane include: Southbound carriage way to be closed to cars and replaced with widened pedestrianised walkway and cycle highway. Increased street activation and retail units. All traffic on northbound carriageway.
- Fee quotation received from NRP for £56,000 including VAT, MNF waiting for revised quotation.



- Discussions have been had with Crown Estate who own the subsoil of Park Lane and are supportive of scheme.
- Timeframes: NH to submit CIL application within the next 10 days. September December engagement and communication strategy prepared. January 2024 to review study with TfL, WCC and wider stakeholder engagement.
- MNF have some concerns about traffic on Hyde Park corner and Park Lane due to already high volumes of traffic. Substantial traffic modelling work needed. NRP are the preferred supplier from many organisations and firms for traffic modelling.

Planning & Public Realm Update (NH)

- Sackville House: Extension on upper levels and minor reconfiguration. No elements are overly contentious.
- **Annabel's, 46 Berkeley Square:** Four applications recently made. Objection submitted for additional light and installations.
- Leconfield House: Objection submitted.
- 21 Lees Place: Proposals to combine two flats into larger singular flat. There are a number of other applications ongoing to combine residential units across Mayfair. Neighbourhood Plan policy is against total loss of residential units, therefore, MNF will object application.
- **141 New Bond Street:** Proposition for increased retail space and improvements to courtyard which MNF is to support.
- Lancashire Court: Application on hold
- **Police station:** Design is progressing slowly but application expected for late summer/early autumn.
- Westminster will support application being made by forum to CIL funding for Mayfair conversation area audit.

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy Update

CCTV (GE)

- Finding appropriate data controller to comply with GDPR and data compliance is critical.
- GE continues to meet with solicitors to progress CCTV works.

Green Route (GM)

- WCC have blocked application for majority of planned green route, except for 10m x 10m small street garden at Alford Garden.
- MNF received £40k funding from Greener Future, some of which has been used for Mayfair Summer Party.

Finances (GM)

• CO is preparing to submit £42k CIL invoice to Westminster. After payment received, balance in MNF budget will be +£20k.

Communications (EW)

- RSMSJ Garden Party done exceptionally well, thanks to Zaria, Cat and Nicola. Additional thanks to Anne Gray and RSMSJ organising committee.
- New MNF LinkedIn page set up, members encouraged to join.

MNF Renewal (JB)



- Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum expires on 16th January 2024. There is some work needed to be done to progress the renewal.
- We will need 24+ letters of support from members of the Forum, preferably not all from the Steering Group.
- Mid-October deadline for getting everything submitted. Afterwards, Westminster will go through a 6-week consultation process o review application.
- ACTION If possible, new date to be found for MNF AGM between August September.
- **ACTION** JB to circulate documents that were submitted for last application and meeting organised to discuss renewal next steps and actions.

Unsociable Behaviour & Rough Sleeping (GM)

- Progressing as planned, presentation organised on 7th July.
- Concerns over increased crime in Mayfair with one watch reported as stolen.

AOB

- **Shepherd Market Public Meeting** planned for 6pm 19th July 2023 for members of public to meet councillors and stakeholders. MNF members to share event with those interested (CPF).
- **Mount Steet Gardens:** Composting, vegetable and fruit garden initiative planned for Mount Street Gardens, near church. Involvement of wider community including homeless (FDR).
- **The Curzon:** Controversy of the Curzon is going to court with both sides actively lobbying. MNF to continue to tread neutral path (EW).