

KINGS CROSS DEVELOPMENT FORUM

NOTES OF ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING (part One, called on 11 September, 2008 and adjourned to 13 November) – Committee Rm 2, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street

Chair – Geoffrey Roper

Present: - 12

Geoffrey Roper GR (Regent Square UR Church)
Hugh Lake HL (CSqCaac)
Del Brenner DB (Regents Network)
Helia Evans HE (Ossulston TRA)
Angela Inglis AI (KXCAAC)
Marian Larrayg ML (KXRLG)
Bill Lee
Richard Lee RL (KXRLG)
John Chamberlain JC (Camden Cycling Campaign)
Ben Godber BG (Cally Rail Group)
Dorothy Hackman TH (South Camden Deanery Synod)
Miranda Martin MM (Churchway TRA)

In attendance

Richard Kirby RK (LB Camden Kings Cross Team)
Angela Ryan AR (LB Camden Kings Cross Team)

Issue	Action
<p><u>1. Apologies:</u> Thea Hackman (Coming late)</p> <p><u>2. Notes of Forum meeting held 10/07/08</u> Agreed</p> <p><u>3. Matters arising:</u></p> <p><u>3.1. Open meeting/event</u> proposed for October 2008 - Co-ordinating Group decided this event should not be held.</p> <p><u>3.2 Employment & Training</u> ML- raised the possibility of setting up an Employment and Training Panel. GL- wants to have notice of the motion, hence ML, to bring it to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>3.3 Footbridge over railway from York Way</u> RL- advised that Islington is doing a business case study for feasibility of Wharfdale Rd Bridge. There is an online petition to No.10.</p> <p><u>4.4 Withdrawal of support by Camden</u> GR- described a sequence of meetings in which Camden offered less each time. ML- suggested that this matter be taken to the Council, and to point out that the Forum was held up in various publications as a great example. Forum feels deserted at a time when they have a lot of work to do. DB- felt that the community should be commended and get the advantage rather than it serving Camden's administration. ML- commended the support the Forum has had, and feels that it has set up standards for people to follow. RL- suggested that the low attendance at Forum meetings reflects Camden's decision to withdraw their support, and that a lot of people have lost</p>	

confidence in the ability of the Forum to continue without resources and support. HL- it is not clear to him or other people he represents in what area the Forum can have influence if it is not supported by Camden. It would be difficult to convince people that the Forum will have any affect at all. It is possible to co-ordinate between lots of non-specialists in KX who have their own individual field of expertise, but what does the Forum have to do to change anything? GR- should register with Camden Council and in the public domain via a public announcement the Forum's unhappiness with Camden's withdrawal of their support. It is disappointing in terms serving the community. RL- clear clarification needs to be given to the Council. HL- need to quote two examples (1) famous pedestrian bridge, (2) link up into Agar Grove as initiatives brought forward by the Forum who thought they had been taken into account, only to find that the bridge had been taken out of the study, and one year after planning/planning committee supported the link to Agar Grove, nothing has been done with the exception of the felling of a few trees.

Moved: write complaining at the withdrawl of support to the Chief Exec of the Council and the Leader of the Council, copied to every LB Camden councillor and to media because an appeal to anyone lower is not going to have any affect. **(Forum agreed the motion)**. DB- Forum needs to copy in Mr Bob West as well as all of the Councillors. JC-the issue of quoting examples is all well and good, but should not overshadow the real issue of the loss of support. ML- without Council resources it is going to be difficult for the Forum to operate.

ML-in answer to HE's question about where the KXRLG stood, advised that they had nominated members to operate on the Planning Response Team, and that they will be having their AGM in November to decide what their stance is going to be.

5. GR- Declared a 1 min silence in remembrance of Lisa Pontecorvo, and to reflect on the great loss of a valued member of the Forum and priceless asset to the community.

6. Annual Review Meeting business:

Terms of Reference (T.O.R.) amendments

GR- Quorum for making decisions is 15 members including the chair and vice chair. Given that there is not the required quorum to make decisions it was decided that proposals should be discussed but that binding decisions may not be taken. It was suggested that the Forum formally adjourn the AGM to a date in the future.

6.1 CG's proposed Amendments to T.O.R:

- i) **Quorum** -9.1 in the existing T.O.R states the quorum for Forum meeting must be 15 including Chair and Vice Chair. Quorum amended by substituting 8 for 15. **(Agreed)**. HE- point 9 of her alternative proposal suggests that the quorum should be 10 and not 8, but Forum agreed that 8 members are adequate and practical for meetings. There was no support for the motion for Quorum to be 10.
- ii) **Procedure for submitting motions to meetings**- proposed to add at the end of 14.3 that a member bringing a paper/report wishing to present a motion/resolution for adoption by the Forum, that the proposal shall be notified in paper or report and circulated in advance **(Agreed)**.
In further comments about advance notice of motions DB-expressed concern about providing things in advance to give people time to have a look at it, as there are other issue that come up that are just for comments. GR- expressed that it would be a specific type of proposal that would have to be

done in a formal way. JC- T.O.R. 14.4 it states that late items will be accepted at the discretion of the Chair. GR-If there is no reason for the lateness then the Chair will not accept it. DB- thinks that it should be tempered with more consideration depending on the nature and importance. HE-wanted to delete a clause in 14.4 "all items will be accepted at the discretion of the Chair" it was agreed that this could not be done as there is no such clause.

- iii) **Extension of Forum meetings beyond announced closure**-new clause 14.5 that if there is unfinished business remaining when the time for closure has been reached it shall be in order to propose either of the following motions (a) that the meeting continue until the item under discussion has been concluded or (b) that the meeting continue until a time (specified in motion) or until the whole agenda has been completed, if sooner. **(Agreed, subject to deletion of the clause in brackets ("subject to the meeting room being available for use beyond the arranged time")** be deleted. HE-suggested that new clause under 14.5 should be put as a separate clause so that 14.4 becomes 14.5 and 14.5 becomes 14.6.
- iv) **Creation of post of secretary**- JC- connects to two things (1) withdrawal of Camden (2) whether the Forum should have their own secretary and be independent of Camden Officers. HE- as long as the amendment doesn't make the organisation unworkable. It was agreed that the word "normally" should be added at the end of 15.1 'The secretary of the Forum should **normally** serve.....' to pre-empt the idea that the secretary should be the only point of contact. JC- If Forum agrees to have its own secretary would this preclude having a minute taking person or a person to do the front line work? GR-amendments under 7.8 - 7.10 wouldn't preclude organisation being represented separately. ML-opposed the appointment of a secretary as the T.O.R specifies that Camden should service it. In the event that the Council does not rescind its decision then the CG has the authority to appoint. JC-concurred, however, Camden should provide resources and not only support. HL-thinks should drop the word secretary and call the person an honorary administrator. One of the jobs of the secretary should be to co-ordinate admin support supplied by Camden.

Proposed amendment agreed.

6.2 HE's proposed amendments to T.O.R.s - 3.1a to use the word 'Central' instead of opportunity area (**not agreed**). Motion 3.1a to add the word 'design' so it reads 'to influence the planning, design and development process' (**agreed**). 3.1e- add 'through the response team' (**not agreed**) as the Response Team is not specified in T.O.R.s as part of the Forum and the Forum does not operate through the Response Team but through the CG. GR- this could not be done unless Planning Response Team listed under definitions and abbreviations. 10.2- already stated in 5.5. 6.1-add the word 'faith' after race (**not agreed**).

- v) JC & HL- advised the wording of clause 5.2 needs to be changed as it implies that all three have to be in attendance. Amended clause 9.1- does not appear in current T.O.R. it says 'or'. (**Agreed to reinstate word 'or'**)

C) Elections:

GR- Forum is not properly constituted to elect therefore it needs to defer voting until the next meeting. Period for nominations to be extended for up to a day prior to next meeting scheduled for 13th November

JC- advised all those who have other members in organisation who are part of the Forum to encourage them to come out to the next meeting to meet the quorum. ML- suggested that the Forum approach the 7 organisation listed under 7.5 in the T.O.R and encourage them to come to the next meeting. GR-would

like to see the organisations take part in the Forum and not just make up numbers. BG- will feedback the need for attendance at Forum meetings to the Cally Rail Group. GR-Camden Officers will serve Forum until next meeting, people have the 13th Nov in their diaries and so the quorum may be met
Motion: Adjournment of the Annual Review Meeting until 7pm on 13 November 2008, with nominations open until 12 November - agreed.

Report from Implementation Panels:

GR- arranged for the Quarterly Monitoring Report produced for the C.I.G to be distributed to all members.

JC – asked about the best way to be alerted about planning applications, and whether the KXRLG site was the best option. AI- advised that Camden could send information via the planning alert system. GR- has endeavoured to find a way for the Forum to have them posted on website, and have a generic drop box for members. There is a current application in for surface landscaping and access in the Southern part of to KX Central. JC- advised that Camden Cycling Campaign had responded to the application independently but did not send response to the Forum, which he will remedy.

RK- advised that the German Gym was open to the general public on Thursdays & Fridays and that there is a model of block J2, as well as a detailed workup of the scheme for T1, which members should go and see it if they get the chance.

Local Development Frameworks-Boroughs consultations on Core Strategies:

Islington:

RL- after registering on Islington's site, he produced a 3 page document that is simply information; it does not give any analysis. Having looked at the full strategy document, the summary guide bears little relation to the core strategy. Questionnaire asking about social rented and intermediate housing seems irrelevant. The core strategy is interesting and he encourages members to have a look at it.

Camden:

HE- T.R.A presented a deputation at committee as they are not happy with the information that has been provided. They oppose the LDF on this basis, and also because the consultation is considered inadequate. The LDF is divided into 2 parts (1) Core Strategy and (2) Development Site section.

RK- A representative from the Council willing to attend the next Forum meeting to talk about the Core Strategy. The report that went to committee on 10th September was agreed (copies were distributed). Consultation is likely to start on the 9th October and end on the 21st November. There are 3 workshops taking place on 24th September. Members should register in order to attend.

HL- asked whether the Forum was going to do a report or would members respond individually. Could do a review as a local community organisation and then look at it through the planning response team to feed back on 13th Nov.

Date For next Forum Meeting:

13th November (Venue TBC) [subsequently arranged at Lumen United Reformed Church and community centre, 88 Tavistock Place WC1H 9RT 7pm to 9pm]