



MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 31st MAY 2023

Attendees: Cllr Carmen Appich (CA), Sue Gibson (SG), Mike Gibson (MG), Helmut Lusser (HL), Neil Stevenson (NS),

Apologies: Lessia Mulka (LM), Natasha Silsby (NSi), Jon Turner (JT)

1 Minutes of Management Committee March 20th

- agreed

2 GOVERNANCE

2.1 Finance

- SG reported the bank balance to be £544.65
- 2022-23 overspend and budget for 2023-24 will be discussed at Comms meeting; MG will prepare and share a report. [APMG](#)

2.2 End of grant report to Locality

- outstanding. MG will write report. [APMG](#)

2.3 Future funding

- a number of possible funding sources were considered including the BHCC Communities Fund, Rampion, sponsorship by local businesses, voluntary membership subscriptions. Councillors' ward budgets have been discontinued.
- prospective budget to be discussed at Comms meeting 7th June and events running up to the Referendum and beyond re future Newsletters discussed [APMG/CA](#)

2.4 Labour Party election leaflet and replacement Cllr MC members

- the Forum's political neutrality was reaffirmed
- the three wards in Hove Station Quarter (Goldsmid, Central Hove, Westbourne & Poets' Corner) are each invited to put forward one councillor to join the Committee, membership being contingent on continued Councillor status. CA to organise a joint briefing during July [APCA](#)

3 HOVE STATION DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- #### **3.1**
- BHCC officers have received no information on progress of External Examination but will keep us informed – the Referendum is now likely to be towards the end of the year.

4 HOVE STATION QUARTER PROJECTS

4.1 Traffic Management Plan Campaign

- MG will arrange meetings with Cllr Trevor Muten, chair of Transport and Sustainability Committee/Goldsmid Ward Cllr, and with Stuart Croucher, Forum member and professional transport planner, to discuss future development of a Traffic Management Plan for HSQ
- HL suggested that the starting point should be Neighbourhood Plan Part 2 recommendations which had been extensively discussed with Andrew Renaut Head of Transport Strategy and Projects during the preparation of the NP. **APMG**

4.2 Community Energy Campaign 2022-23

- 4.2.1** - MG will develop a project group to promote the take up of government ECO plus £1500 insulation grants promoted by BHESCO
- CA suggested involving Trevor Muten who may be able to identify volunteers. **APMG**
- 4.2.2** Update on District Heating Proposal from Hazel Buck to be progressed. **APHL**

5 HSQ NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PROJECTS

5.1 Community Hub 1 Hove Station

- 5.1.1** Station footbridge
 - no replies received to two letters to Officer Dave Parker enquiring about footbridge funding and negotiations with Network Rail. NS to send repeat request to Executive Director with copy to Cllr Trevor Muten. **APNS**
- 5.1.2** Redevelopment of Denmark Villas mail sorting office
 - no progress but will eventually be important for Neighbourhood Plan Community Hub 1
- 5.1.3** Options for replacement of station car wash
 - not yet progressed. **APHL**
- 5.1.4** Second footbridge feasibility study
 - it is uncertain which of the reconfigured council committees will consider the report. HL will discuss with Cllr Trevor Muten. **APHL**
 - both footbridges to be included in Traffic Management Plan

5.2 Community Hub 2 Conway Street-Sackville Road

- 5.2.1** WJ Community Liaison Group
 - Stage 2 planning application has been delayed – issues of viability in current economic conditions – thus CIL for HSQ will be delayed
 - community room project to be discussed with the owners Legal and General and their Hove Gardens management company Urban Bubble when building work completed
- 5.2.2 Conway Street Community Association**
 - LM and NSi will plan a second street party in front of the Vallance Centre **APLM,NSi**
 - MG reported that MODA need further information to progress the pocket park proposal, particularly on the issue of long term maintenance which should be shared with the Housing Department landowners a pocket park.

- It was agreed that the Community Hub 2 Working Group of stakeholders should be reconvened, with local residents to take the proposal a stage further with Cllr Jackie Quinn and then arrange to meet the appropriate housing department officers AP MG NSi LM.

5.3 Community Hub 3 Stoneham

West Hove Forum meeting 30th May

- MG reported that we had sent a letter of support for the BHCC Mini-Holland bid to Andrew Renaut linking it to the need for an HSQ Traffic Management Plan
- MG reported plans for a Portland Road Stakeholders Action Group, which will focus on the Neighbourhood Plan Community Hub 3, draw on the experience of the West Hove Seafront Action Group and engage fully in the BHCC Mini-Holland Project which will have important lessons for Goldsmid and Central Wards.

5.4 Newtown-Fonthill-Wilbury potential Action Group

- 5.4.1** - The limited response to the FoI request re bollards at the Fonthill Road/ Newtown Road junction to be followed up after another one demolished
- 5.4.2** - Fonthill Road Speedwatch project to be linked into a possible Action Group feeding bottom up with other residents' initiatives into the development of an HSQ Traffic Management Plan as in 4.1. above
- 5.4.3** - MG reported that BHCC transport consider Newtown Rd/Fonthill Rd junction low risk. Local residents' campaign led by Jocelin Gale for Newtown Rd closure at Fonthill Road unlikely to succeed, But their pressure can contribute to co-ordinated residents action to reduce/eliminate rat-running through HSQ. APMG to arrange to bring together a group of active residents
- 5.4.4** - Application of Blue Goldstone development funds not progressed. MG and HL to pursue the issue. APMG,HL

6 COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

- 6.1** - CA will join Comms group at the next meeting on Wednesday 7th June
- agenda to be circulated asap.

7 AOB

- none

8 Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm
- Time: Jun 28, 2023 07:30 PM London
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87917313524?pwd=L2k4VG13dHkxbjNxODFmajJVZldNQOT09>
- Meeting ID: 879 1731 3524
- Passcode: 520084