



## Virtual AGM 8 July 2021 6.30pm

### Attendees –

Nigel Richardson, Neil Stevenson, Helmut Lusser, Mike Gibson, Sue Gibson, Linda Robinson, Cllr.Jackie O’Quinn, Jeremy Mackay, Sophie Mackay, Cllr.Marian Ebel, David Kemp, Lessia Mulka, Chrissie Sloan, Tina Bartlett-Game, Robert Glick

### Apologies –

Cllr.Chris Henry, Cllr.Carmen Appich, Cllr.John Allcock, Jon Turner, Roz Scott, Brigit Miller

### Apologies & good wishes for our continuing work – leaving the area -

Michelle & Doug Hayter (Salvation Army), Jenny Lecoat, Gary Lawson

### New nominations for

#### Committee Membership 2021-22

Committee officers were elected

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| Chairman   | - Mike Gibson, nominated by Neil Stevenson, seconded by Helmut Lusser  |
| Vice Chair | - Jon Turner, nominated by Helmut Lusser , seconded by Sue Gibson  |
| Secretary  | - Neil Stevenson, nominated by Sue Gibson, seconded by Helmut Lusser   |
| Treasurer  | - Sue Gibson, nominated by Helmutn Lusser, seconded by Neil Stevenson  |
| Members    | - Helmut Lusser, Robert Glick, David Kemp, Chrissy Sloane, Cllrs Jaqui O’Quinn (Goldsmid Ward), Carmen Appich (Westbourne Ward), Marianna Abel (Goldsmid Ward) |

The outgoing chairman, Nigel Richardson, reviewed the previous 2 years –

- No AGM for 2years because of lockdown

- The Chair took us through the HSNF “Vision Statement & the Strategic Objectives
- The map of the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated in 2014
- The Chair reported the key events during the period January 2019 – December 2020
- HSNF Stakeholder Engagements and acknowledgements
- Financial Report 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020, current bank balance = £45.51
- The Chair thanked the Committee for their support

Helmut Lusser thanked the Chair for his commitment over his period as Chairman, as did Mike Gibson who also added the Forum was moving on to deliver the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted the meeting was not quorate. However, membership has grown successfully to over 300 bringing with it a constitutional problem. In the early days when the number of members was small it seemed sensible to set a threshold of 15% attendance at the AGM or 10% at a Special General Meeting for the meeting to be empowered to make decisions. But now we struggle and fail to meet the threshold.

It was in these circumstances that the AGM discussed a proposal that clause 6.1.4 of the constitution which currently sets the quorum for the AGM at 15% of membership or 10 members, whichever is the greater be amended to 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is the greater. And further that clause 5.8.4 of the constitution which currently sets the quorum for the committee at 7 members be amended to set the quorum at 5 to allow progress at committee level when not all committee members are present.

The members present voted unanimously to approve this proposal. However, given the attendance it was agreed that the Secretary would write to all members explaining our pragmatic approach to this difficulty and offering them an opportunity to comment.

Mike Gibson gave a brief presentation based on a discussion note which had previously been sent to all members, outlining a potential action agenda for the Forum.

The AGM welcomed the 3 Councillors on to the committee noting that following the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, it will be important for the Forum to work as closely as possible with Ward Councillors to promote the NP policies and community projects. In particular Helmut Lusser stressed that the Forum must be prepared to have discussions with the Council in order to secure the funds needed to implement the Plan.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the new Committee would be held before the end of July.

A summer Newsletter will be sent out after the committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 8PM