

North Finchley Partnership Board – Fifth Meeting Minutes

28/11/2022 | 18.45 | Location: Arts Depot, North Finchley

Agenda Item	Timing	Minutes	
Housekeeping	18.45 –	Attendees: Partnership Board Members	
	18.50	√	Cllr Ross Houston NFPB Chair and Chair of the Housing and Growth Committee
		√	Cllr Geoffrey Cooke Woodhouse Ward Cllr, substituting Cllr Anne Hutton
			Cllr Danny Rich West Finchley Ward Cllr
		√	Alison Bell The Finchley Society
		√	Susanna Morales Barnet Homes, substituting Derek Rust
			Esmine Puzone Local Business: Finishing Touches
			Jacob Peak Youth Representation
		√	Liz Longworth Northside Primary School Headteacher
		√	Miriam Berger Principal Rabbi of Finchley Reform Synagogue
		√	Monique Deletant Arts Depot CEO
		√	Nick Goodman Local Resident
			Pravin Varsani Local Business
			Rickardo Stewart Founder of Community Souls & Art Against Knives
		√	Senan Sexton Local Business: The Bohemia
		√	Tim Stevenson Lodge Lane Residents Association
			Tony Allaway Ravensdale Residents Association
		√	Zoe Newell Local Business: Innovation Dance
		√	Steve Harrington Regal
		√	Jonathan Joseph Joseph & Partners
	√	Ashleigh Watkins Town Centres Investment Manager at Barnet Council	
	√	Zeina Al-Derry Town Centres Senior Project Officer at Barnet Council	

		<p>Attendees: Other representation from consultants/invites guests:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Ghislaine Halpenny</td> <td>Regal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Jessica Cargill-Thompson</td> <td>LBB Town Centres Consultant, Soundings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>David Pierce</td> <td>LBB Town Centres Consultant, Dallas–Pierce–Quintero (DPQ)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Julia Xu</td> <td>Programme Manager at Barnet Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>√</td> <td>Suley Muhidin</td> <td>Communication Lead at Barnet Council</td> </tr> </table>	√	Ghislaine Halpenny	Regal	√	Jessica Cargill-Thompson	LBB Town Centres Consultant, Soundings	√	David Pierce	LBB Town Centres Consultant, Dallas–Pierce–Quintero (DPQ)	√	Julia Xu	Programme Manager at Barnet Council	√	Suley Muhidin	Communication Lead at Barnet Council
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<p>Introductions</p> <p>a. Welcome from Cllr Ross Houston</p> <p>b. Introducing new members to the NFPB</p>	<p>18.50</p> <p>–</p> <p>18.55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note: Cllr Houston emphasised the need to clarify the purpose of each community consultation taking place in North Finchley Town Centre to minimise confusion. - Note: Tim Stevenson has produced a helpful diagram explaining the structure of the regeneration programme. It is currently being reviewed to ensure accuracy and will be circulated after this process is complete. 															
<p>Walkthrough of Engagement Activities:</p> <p>a. Creative Placemaking, Wayfinding and Graphic Identity</p>	<p>18.55</p> <p>–</p> <p>20.30</p>	<p>Notes on Engagement Activities:</p> <p>a. Update on the Council-led Creative Placemaking, Wayfinding and Graphic Identity.</p> <p>Summary queries/notes in relation to what was presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB: Queried whether the recent consultation asked people binary questions or more open ones. - AW: Noted that this stage of consultation included projects that were presented in the most recent public consultation and were derived from previous engagement carried out in March 2022. - MB: Queried how the proposal outside the artsdepot is addressing the wind tunnel issue. - AW: Clarified that planters with trees are being introduced to trial dealing with the wind tunnel issue. This will be a pilot to explore what can be done to address this longer term. - TS: Queried what are incubator market stalls. - DP: Explained that they are intended to help people sell outside. - AW: Noted that the price point was key for market stalls to ensure we create low risk, low-cost trading space for new SME businesses to access trading space within the town centre. - Cllr Houston: Noted that we should also consider through projects how local businesses can be supported, for example how they got involved within the Jubilee street-party, which is a key example. - DP: Requested for anyone who is keen to be involved or know of any businesses should come forward or put us in touch with those who are keen to. 															

<p>b. Introductions and next steps for the Public Realm Design Framework</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TS: Queried whether commercial businesses will be on the website. - DP: Explained that the intention is to say no to commercial, but this can change if there is a community interest in bringing that in. - ZA Action: To share links to allow NFPB members and the wider community to populate the website. - AB: Queried whether the photos are from local businesses. - ZA: Clarified that particular photo is from MK's Café and that the photos are from North Finchley, not stock images. - Discussion Note: It was agreed that it is important to see faces of local people to humanise the website and tell storied of the town centre. - MD: Stated that there is a small area downstairs in the artsdepot that they want to activate with a takeaway bar and café to attract people into the building, but they will need to run a drainpipe. Their intention is to pilot a games night and attract people who are passing by through lights and activity. There is a synergy here that would complement the next stage of delivering the gathering spaces. - ZN: Stated that their end of year performances will be taking place in June or the second week of July, and they are open for doing small scale outdoor street dance/performances to test the cultural programming. - Note: NFPB members were supportive of the next phase of the project to deliver the gathering spaces, which is based on the public's support through the consultation.
<p>c. Business Support and Other Council-Led Initiatives</p>		<p>b. Update on the Council-led Public Realm Design Framework</p> <p>Summary queries/notes in relation to what was presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RH: Stated that he heard positive feedback from the community on the recent workshops undertaken by the team to explore the community principles, which is building on DPQ's creative placemaking work. - Note: Students from the dance schools who participated in the workshops offered a different perspective on the public realm. - S-Morales: Queried whether any engagement has been undertaken with secondary schools or colleges. - JCT: Noted that 1:1 stakeholders' consultation is still ongoing and that local schools are noted as key stakeholders. - MB: Noted that the international bachelorette school Dwight is a key stakeholder to engage with and that she is happy to put the team in touch with. - TS: Queried the quick-win element of this project. - DP: Clarified that the creative placemaking project is the quick-win project to pilot public realm interventions and is programmed for June 2023. - TS: Queried how clutter and spillage/buckets issue will be addressed, noting that café culture seating is

<p>d. Council Updates regarding the Town Centre Regeneration Programme</p>	<p>perfectly acceptable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action: To follow up with the enforcement team and setup a walkabout with them in the new year to discuss this. <p>c. Business Support and Other Council-led Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW: Noted that the recently launched website has 40+ businesses on it, and that there will be a WhatsApp group developed to make it easier for businesses to access what's available on the programme. - ZN: Noted that the abovementioned WhatsApp group has just launched, and she has been asked to join. - MB: Queried the different levels of engagement. - AW: Explained that there are three different levels of engagement with businesses. The first is "this is what we are offering, and this is how you can get involved", the second level involves working with businesses, who want support, to develop tailored action plans, and the third is then working with these businesses to deliver these action plans. - ZN: Suggested to look into the timings of the events and arranging them to working hours when the children are at school. There are several interactive things that they need to do but couldn't because of the children. - MD: Noted that other programmes around business support tend to have a morning time and an evening time, which was very helpful to cover the differing availability of businesses across different sectors. <p>d. Council Updates regarding the Town Centre Regeneration Programme</p> <p>Note: Th council provided an update, stating that following unforeseen delays arising through engagement with TfL on the scheme, the council has recommenced this engagement process around the transport strategy for the town centre. This includes discussions around the proposed relocation of the bus depot in accordance with the SPD to unlock wider public realm/highway improvements for the town centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB: Stated that local people find the bus depot unwelcoming and unsafe. - RH: Reiterated that the council is working hard to find a solution that doesn't impact the current running of TfL services and is better for the town centre. - SH: Noted that Regal began having their own meetings with the GLA and that TfL is part of that conversation. He added that the outcome would be better if the bus depot is relocated. - NG: Queried if that involves highway rerouting? - SH: Confirmed that it does. - NG: Asked what does Regal want to see in the space? - SH: Stated that it's a bit premature to say but a blend of mixed-uses.
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Community-led Discussion Points		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TS: Queried whether CIL/S106 funds raised by the phase 1 development will be reinvested in North Finchley. - RH: Stated that we can't give a firm answer because there is no policy to address this. S106 is generally invested in the area and CIL is more widespread. - SH: Added that Regal have been making that representation and would want the money to be spent locally for obvious reasons. - GC: Queried if there is a timetable for regenerating. - SH: Stated that Regal will spend the next couple of years in the planning system, and 2024 is when Regal expect at the earliest for construction to happen. - GC: Queried what view are the planners taking about smaller planning applications. - JX: The planning has its own process, assessing each application on its own merit, however, the council had taken measures through setting up internal boards to ensure the interface between the planning, development and regeneration remain coordinated. - AW: Added that the planners are using the SPD as material consideration in their assessment, to ensure that all developments are working collectively to support the delivery of this coordinated vision. - ZN: Queried how long will the NFPB continue meeting for? - RH: The intention is for it to continue indefinitely to support the town centre beyond the regeneration project. - Upcoming North Finchley Partnership Board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 6th March 2023 ▪ Monday 12th or 19th June 2023 ▪ Monday 11th or 18th September 2023 ▪ Monday 27th November 2023
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