

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION DEPARTMENT	
	<u>NOTES OF MEETING</u>
	Subject: Wimbledon Community Forum
	Date: 10th July 2014 Time: 19.15
In attendance	Councillor James Holmes – Chair; John Hill (Head of Public Protection) – Lead officer; Rana Bhutta – Consultation and Community Engagement Officer; Paul McGarry –Head of futureMerton (LBM); Councillor Andrew Judge, Councillor Abdul Latif, Councillor David Simpson, Councillor Suzanne Grocott, Councillor David Williams; Helen Clark-Bell (Love Wimbledon); 26 local residents
Action Needed By:	<p>1. <u>Welcome/Introductions</u></p> <p>1.1 Cllr. Homes welcomed all to the meeting at Mansel Road Community Centre and introduced himself as the councillor for Trinity ward in Wimbledon and the new Chair of the forum for 2014-15.</p> <p>1.2 Cllr. Holmes paid tribute to the previous chair of the forum, Henry Nelless, commenting that he now wished to build on and extend the work of the forum. JH is working with council officers to look at how to do this, e.g. building an online arena for discussion. Further feedback will be given to residents on this at future meetings.</p> <p>1.3 Each of the councillors in attendance introduced themselves and the ward they represent.</p>
	<p>2. <u>Minutes of last meeting/Update</u></p> <p>2.1 John Hill (JH) said that the issue of water ponding at Carluccio's in Wimbledon Village and Merton High St has now been resolved.</p> <p>2.2 Ride London takes place in various places around Merton on 10 August.</p> <p>2.3 Work has been done to the trees causing damage on Shelton Rd, but some trees are still to be cut down</p> <p>2.4 Residents had not been informed of works on Haydons Road and Quicks Road, so a newsletter was sent to inform them.</p> <p>2.5 The review of 20-30mph signage in the town centre is complete and recommendations from the review have been added to the 2014-15 work programme. Councillor Judge added that zones and</p>

<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>	<p>limits are being reviewed across London but the police have said that they will not enforce 20mph zones at all in London and councils do not have the authority to enforce speed limits. The time frame for the London-wide review is not set by Merton council.</p> <p>2.6 Manufacturers of the uplighters opposite the train station have agreed to replace the faulty uplighters at no cost to the council. JH will chase Highways to find out when this will happen</p> <p>2.7 Regarding a property in South Park Road, the disabled bay was given approval by the council.</p> <p>2.8 No planning application has been received for the Marquis of Lorne. The planning department will update residents if and when an application is submitted.</p> <p>2.9 Pre-application meetings have been held with AFC Wimbledon/Galliard Homes re the Greyhound Stadium site but a formal application has not yet been submitted. Public consultation is being carried out by AFC. www.redevelopingploughlane.co.uk. The council has not received any contact from the Paschal Taggart Greyhound proposals.</p> <p>2.10 There was no update from the YMCA; no further pre-application discussions since last year's consultation.</p> <p>2.11 The manholes on Kingston Road leading towards South Wimbledon were reported to be uneven and in need of fixing. JH to report to Highways.</p> <p>2.12 Cllr. Judge explained that the Home Zone Light project in Shelton Road is not yet complete because of objections from businesses. As such, new options are being explored for informing drivers they are entering a residential area.</p>
	<p>3. <u>Future Wimbledon</u></p> <p>3.1 Cllr. Andrew Judge and Paul McGarry (PM) presented on the futureWimbledon town centre ideas competition www.futurewimbledon.co.uk</p> <p>3.2 Wimbledon Station is operates at capacity at peak times so investment from Crossrail 2 will ease congestion and no-doubt have the potential to improve Wimbledon Station but the full impact/benefit is not yet known. Network Rail is putting together preferred options for the tracks layout and station proposals. Consultation is live at www.crossrail2.co.uk.</p> <p>3.3 FutureWimbledon Ideas competition is an open competition to gather ideas for the future of Wimbledon; a partnership between</p>

<p>PM</p>	<p>Merton Council and Love Wimbledon.</p> <p>A public vote on the design ideas submitted for futureWimbledon; as part of the exhibition in Wimbledon town centre in autumn will ensure that residents have a say on the ideas. PM agreed to look into having a residents' representative on the judging panel, but highlighted the potential conflict as we're also inviting residents to submit ideas. The public vote on the exhibition display may be a suitable alternative. The competition will also be publicised to schools.</p> <p>3.4 PM encouraged residents to get involved in the Crossrail 2 consultation as well as the futureWimbledon design competition at www.futurewimbledon.co.uk and www.crossrail2.co.uk.</p>
	<p>4. <u>Soapbox</u></p> <p>4.1 Cllr. Judge clarified that the YMCA pre-app proposals hadn't been in line with council policy and neither the council nor Love Wimbledon had any involvement in the YMCA proposal that was put forward.</p> <p>4.2 A resident who had attended a public meeting held by 'We Want Wimbledon' regarding the greyhound stadium asked if the council would encourage the greyhound consortium to submit a proposal. PM explained that there are currently two consortia of developers: one in favour of a new greyhound stadium; one for AFC Wimbledon. Both propose to include flats of similar quantity; however the greyhound plans have not yet been discussed with the council. The key issue for development is who owns the land.</p> <p>4.3 Cllr. Judge added that council policy is to support sporting initiatives and stated that in principle, he personally would be in favour of the return of AFC to Wimbledon. He added that his support would not affect the council's final decision because he is not a member of the planning committee, which would decide on any applications.</p> <p>4.4 Cllr. Judge stated that any development on the Greyhound Stadium site, for any use, would need to take flooding and transport impact into account as part of the normal planning process.</p> <p>4.5 A council study on the possible capacity of a new stadium is available on Merton's website at www.merton.gov.uk/wimbledon_greyhound_stadium.</p> <p>4.6 Residents reported a problem with missed bin collections and spillage of rubbish on the streets when it is collected, particularly on Palmerston Road and other roads off The Broadway. JH said the council is aware of this problem and is trying to address it. Rubbish</p>

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