



Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum, held at 2.30 pm on 30th November 2021 at St Paul's Old Ford

Present: Forum committee members: Alex Holmes (Chair) Mike Mitchell (Treasurer), Patricia Hernández, Lee Sargent (Social Media)

Other local residents: Tamara Barklem, Max Charyyev, Amel Daoud, Colin Jaques, Grace Jaques, Mary Meek, Meg Mitchell, Seth Pimlott, Cllr. Val Whitehead.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alex welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Apologies had been received from Eddie Blake, and Will Tanner

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 28th October 2020

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of business conducted at the AGM.

3. Report on Forum activities over the past year.

A written summary of the Forum's activities had been provided, and Alex summarised the main points of this. He said it had been a long journey since the plan process began in 2016, and this had involved ongoing public engagement.

The Forum had carried out a statutory 6 week consultation on the draft plan from 15th March – 25th April 2021. The Forum was notified during this by the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) that several small strips of land to the west of the A12 Blackwall Tunnel Road lay within the LLDC planning area. After discussion between the Forum, LLDC and Tower Hamlets Council it was agreed to amend the neighbourhood plan area boundary to exclude all LLDC land. After approval of the amended boundary by LBTH cabinet, a further public consultation was carried out on the impact of the boundary changes on the draft plan. This was from 5th July – 15th August. The main impact of the changes was the reduction in size of the site proposed in the plan for housing between the A12 and Candy St. at the eastern end of Old Ford Road.

The updated plan area and draft plan were submitted to Tower Hamlets Council earlier in October, and was on track for being considered by the Council cabinet on 24th November.

4. Financial report and statement

A written financial summary had been produced for the meeting by the treasurer. This was received by the meeting, and showed the sole income for 2020-21 was a Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government grant of £2,200. This had been spent in full during the year, the main items of expenditure being the digital formatting of the draft plan



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(£800) and the development of the Forum's website (£820). The printing of consultation leaflets, mapping of plan locations and some small bank charges were the other items of expenditure.

5. Election of Forum Committee Members (by show of hands)

The following existing committee members had expressed their willingness to serve for a further year and were elected unanimously by those present:

Chair – Alex Holmes

Treasurer – Mike Mitchell

Media Officer – Lee Sargent

General members: Eddie Blake, Patricia Hernández

The following had expressed their willingness to stand for election, and had submitted a short summary of their connections with Bow and interest in the neighbourhood plan process. They were elected unanimously by those present.

Amel Daoud also expressed her willingness to serve on the committee. As the Forum Constitution allows up to 3 people to be co-opted, everyone present agreed to Amel joining the committee.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business , and so the Chair declared the meeting ended.