

Blackhorse Road Action Group Organising Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING on 16 June 2009

Present

Sue Grant (SG) – Secretary, co-opted. *Min 5.2 refers*

Peter Harms (PH) – Planning & Development Lead

Irina Hoss (IH) – Communications Lead

Michael Leigh (ML) – Chair

Neil Meads (NM) - Webmaster

Caroline Molloy (CM) – Treasurer

Nuria Rodrigues (NR) – Sustainability Lead

Apologies

Ortrun Peyn (OP) – Membership Secretary

Peter Taylor (PT)

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| 1. Minutes of previous meeting – on 18 May 2009 | |
| Were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. | |
| 2. Progressing plans for Community Garden | |
| IH to contact PT to ask if Douglas Eyre Playing Fields have confirmed on what basis the vacant plot can be used by BAG as a community garden - eg For how long? Any conditions attached? Any limitations on times at which access can be granted? | IH |
| CM to email BAG members and those attending the recent container garden event to canvass for ideas for the community garden. | CM |
| PH to contact Coppermill School to invite involvement in the project. | |
| CM confirmed that Grassroots Grants will require reports on how the £5,000 grant has been used; deadline for reporting on total spend is January 2011. To date, total expenditure (on the container growing event and the gazebo) has been £70. | |
| 2.1 Potential other funding | |
| CM advised that the deadline for applications to the Local Food Fund was 21 August 2009. | |
| 3. AGM | |
| Agreed this would be in September. PH to contact Coppermill School re availability of free meeting space 7-12 September 2009. | PH |

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| 4. | <p>Big Lunch party – 19 July 2009</p> <p>The Planning Committee to be IH (Chair), SG and ML.</p> <p>Ideas for publicity, activities, other organisations to be invited, etc. and ‘who will do what’ were recorded separately to inform the Big Lunch Planning Committee – which would then meet at 7.30pm on 30 June 2009.</p> | IH, SG, ML |
| 5. | <p>Constitutional matters</p> | |
| 5.1 | <p>Calendar for Organising Committee meetings</p> <p>Agreed to be last Tuesday of every other month – with the next meeting therefore being 28 July 2009.</p> | All |
| 5.2 | <p>Membership of Organising Committee</p> <p>Resignation of Chair: ML confirmed his intention to resign as Chair at the next AGM.</p> <p>Thanks to previous Secretary: Henry Demaria had resigned as Secretary and all present agreed these minutes should record thanks to him for his contribution.</p> <p>Co-option of interim Secretary: SG had been co-opted as interim Secretary.</p> <p>Agenda for the next AGM to include an invitation to all members to stand for election as Chair and/or Secretary.</p> | ML (for next AGM agenda) |
| 5.3 | <p>Constitution</p> <p>NR to advise SG of the date on which the Constitution was adopted – so that a dated copy can be put on the BAG website.</p> | NR |
| 5.4 | <p>Bank account</p> <p>CM advised that BAG funds were currently held by her.</p> <p>All agreed that CM should now progress setting up a community bank account with the Co-Op Bank.</p> | CM |
| 5.5 | <p>Communications</p> <p>Agreed that all Organising Committee Members should keep other members informed about activity proposed or undertaken on behalf of BAG..</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Website calendar</p> <p>Agreed that other organisations can apply for permission to post details of events in the non-BAG section of the calendar. Applications to be considered at the next most immediate Organising Committee Meeting and the criteria for granting permission to be that the organisation and/or the purpose of its event is (a) in accord with the aims of BAG and (b) not promoting or seeking adherence to any political party or religious sect.</p> | |

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7. Any other business

7.1 Council proposal for drug rehab centre

CM to draft a response on behalf of BAG opposing plans to convert the St James' Street Library premises to use as a drug rehab centre.

CM

7.2 Lending gazebo

Agreed the gazebo can be lent to other organisation, with prior notice to IH.

7.3 Councillor Liaquat Ali

CM advised that Councillor Liaquat Ali was now a Cabinet Member holding the portfolio for Children and Young People.

7.4 Community Council funding

It was noted that proposals for a garden tool share project had been invited.

8. Date and time of next meeting

7.30pm, 28 July 2009.

All