

Blackhorse Road Action Group Organising Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING on 29 Sept 2009

Present

Sue Grant (SG) – Secretary

Peter Harms (PH) – Planning & Development Lead

Irina Hoss (IH) – Communications Lead

Michael Leigh (ML) – Chair

Neil Meads (NM) – Webmaster

Ortrun Peyn (OP) – Membership Secretary

Nuria Rodrigues (NR) – Sustainability Lead

Apologies

Caroline Molloy (CM) - Treasurer

Peter Taylor (PT)

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| 1. | Apologies for absence
Were as noted above. | |
| 2. | Minutes of previous meeting – on 28 July 2009
Were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. SG to send to NM for posting on website. | SG and NM |
| 3. | Matters arising from the 28 Sept 2009 meeting (<i>unless taken elsewhere on Agenda</i>) | |
| 3.1 | Constitution (<i>prev min 3.2</i>)
OP to consult her diary to confirm date of adoption and then advise SG.
SG to prepare a re-formatted version. | OP (for SG)
SG |
| 3.2 | Bank Account (<i>prev min 3.3</i>)
IH to contact CM to request this be set up before the 2009 AGM. | IH (for CM) |
| 4. | AGM | |
| 4.1 | Venue
NR to contact Douglas Eyre Playing Fields manager re availability of Pavilion – and to contact Council's Community Liaison Officer for funding of venue costs. | NR |
| 4.2 | Agenda
SG to draft – and note:
ML to invite a speaker from Willowfield School
CM to invite a speaker from the St James's Library Campaign | SG
ML
CM |

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4.3	Date Dependent on availability of venue – and it was noted that the confirmed date must allow for publicising to the membership with a minimum of 28 days’ notice.	
4.4	Announcement to members – to be via: Website; email to members’ list; posting notice through letterboxes; press release to Walthamstow Guardian.	All to note
5.	Energy Project NR to resend to all on the Organising Committee an email about HEET – and to also discuss further with IH and PH how BAG members might benefit - and then advise members accordingly at the AGM.	NR and IH and PH
6.	BAG Community Garden PH advised that Coppermill School’s headteacher – Mr Bennell – had confirmed the school’s intention to purchase the space on Douglas Eyre Playing Fields which BAG (a) was currently using on an ad hoc basis for outdoor events and (b) had obtained agreement from the manager for a permanent development as a community garden. ML to write to Mr Bennell to request confirmation of the school’s intentions and invite co-operation with BAG on creating a community garden which could be used for the benefit of the school’s pupils and the local community. There was then a majority decision that NR should proceed immediately with obtaining compost for delivery asap to the site, so that BAG’s commitment to setting up a community garden was clearly signalled.	ML NR
7.	Walthamstow West Community Council (WWCC) IH shared a document which showed that a proposal by WWCC residents for funding a community centre from the current annual budget allocation had been marked as ‘not to be progressed’. It was agreed that: (a) all present send a ‘Freedom of Information Request’ (FOF) to the LBWF community council officers requesting details of how and by whom this proposal had been rejected. (b) A notice be posted on the website advising BAG members of the decision, and inviting them to also send a FOF request. SG to draft the notice.	All to note SG for NM
8.	Any other business There was none.	

- 9. Date and time of next meeting**
Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2009
Time: 7.45pm

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All to note