

Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FORUM

HELD AT THE MALMAISON HOTEL, BRIGHTON MARINA

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6:00pm

1. Confirmation of Membership and Apologies for Absence.

Andrew Knight (AK) took the Chair and welcomed attendees.

AK briefly explained that the Forum is part of the Neighbourhood Planning system, which affords communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood by producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Membership is open to all Marina residents and workers. All present were asked to sign the attendance register and to complete a membership form if they had not already done so.

Apologies for absence had been received from Ken Sainty, Mary Pett, Lisa Talmey, Rosie Wright, Brenda Simmons, Greg Parish, John McMullan

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

AK reported that the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 25th April 2022, are on the Forum website www.bmnf.org.uk

3. Consultation Draft Plan.

AK said that we now finally have the consultation draft of the plan. Copies were available for all attendees. The plan is a distillation of all the responses to consultation exercises that the forum has carried out. It contains 8 Policies and 5 Community actions.

AK said that development at the Marina is expected within the City Plan, so there is an expectation of major development here. This draft plan gives the community the opportunity to influence how it happens, to add value, to say what we would like, whether workers or residents.

We are now commencing a 'Regulation 14' consultation on the draft plan, running until 4th January 2023. We will aim to make the consultation know as widely as possible. Ideally responses should be made online at the Forum website but can also be made on paper and an in-person session will be held on 23rd November, 4pm – 7pm at the Admin Office.

AK outlined the next steps following the consultation as follows: the plan would need revision to take account of consultation responses; the revised document is submitted to Brighton & Hove City Council for independent examination and possible further revision. Finally there is a referendum on the plan. There was a question regarding the conduct of the referendum. AK is not aware of specific details, save that this is something that the local council would run for us.

4. Forum steering committee Vacancy

The Forum constitution provides for a Steering Committee to manage the work of the Forum consisting of up to 6 people, of which at least 2 must be workers and 2 residents. Kirsty Pollard no longer works at the Marina and has therefore resigned her position on the steering committee, leaving a vacancy. The other members of the steering committee are: Andrew Knight (Worker), Mike Hatch (Worker), Mary Pett (Resident), Keith Malcolm (Resident), Ken Sainty (Resident).

Three applications had been received for the vacancy: Alison Poole (Resident), Steven Levine (Resident), Debbie Rathbone (Worker).

Brief statements were heard from the applicants following which a ballot of attendees was conducted. The result was as follows:

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Alison Poole	13
Steven Levine	4
Debbie Rathbone	1

Alison Poole was therefore elected to the steering committee.

A question was raised as to whether the number on the steering committee could be increased to ensure that all the experience of forum members was used for the benefit of the forum. AK said that the number could be changed but as it was set out in the constitution it would need a change to the constitution, which was not something to be done without prior notification of forum members.

AK said that the next task of the forum would be to review the responses to consultation and revise the plan in response to them. He undertook to give members the opportunity to assist the steering committee in conducting this task and give all the opportunity to contribute.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Date of Next Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

Provisionally planned for early Spring, after the consultation, to review responses and consider how plan should be revised.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm