

# Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FORUM

HELD AT THE MASTER MARINER FUNCTION ROOM, BRIGHTON MARINA

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 4:00pm

### 1. Confirmation of Membership and Apologies for Absence.

Andrew Knight took the Chair and welcomed attendees. He explained that the Pandemic had delayed progress of the forum, but we are now able to resume progress towards our neighbourhood plan.

Andrew explained that the BMNF part of the Neighbourhood Planning system which allows communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood by producing a Neighbourhood Plan; this is the intention of the Brighton Marina Forum who have already begun working towards such a plan. Attendees at previous meetings will be aware of discussions about what you would like at the Marina and how you would like it to develop in future.

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

Apologies for absence have been received from Mike Hatch and Rosie Wright.

Andrew introduced the members of the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Committee, whose task it is to direct the actions of the forum and keep it progressing:

Andrew Knight (Worker)

Kirsty Pollard (Worker)

Mike Hatch (Worker)

Mary Pett (Resident)

Keith Malcolm (Resident)

Ken Sainty (Resident)

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7th November 2019 were approved. These minutes, as all documents relating to the Forum, are on the Marina website [www.bmnf.org.uk](http://www.bmnf.org.uk)

### 3. Update on Steering Committee Progress

Andrew updated the meeting on actions taken by the steering group during the period since the last forum meeting.

- a. Redesignation of the forum was agreed by Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC) for a further 5 years from 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020.
- b. A key part of our draft neighbourhood plan will policies and community actions. A draft policies and actions document has been produced, based on all previous consultation and survey activities. This has been submitted to B&HCC for their 'screening' against planning policy and to determine whether an environmental assessment on the impact of the policies is needed. Their view is that the policies and actions are appropriate and accord with planning policy. This allows us to now proceed to a draft plan.
- c. We have obtained grant funding for the forum. This has paid for consultant input and for the website. Unspent grant money has to be given back to government.

Andrew reminded the meeting that under our forum constitution the forum can't comment on planning applications until we have a 'made' neighbourhood plan – individual members can of course comment on applications. We have drawn members attention to the gas works proposal.

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## 4. Future actions for the Forum.

Andrew detailed the planned next actions for the forum, which are:

- a. Now that draft policies have gone through the screening process by B&HCC, a draft neighbourhood plan will be produced of which the policies will form a key part.
- b. The draft Plan will then be consulted on with entire Marina community – residents and workers. We aspire to do this by the end of the summer.
- c. Following this consultation, the plan will be revised to take account of consultation feedback. The plan will then be put to a vote of the whole Marina community. We would like to do this by the end of this year.

Opportunities for forum members to be involved will include engaging with commenting on the draft plan and probably some more practical activities such as making the consultation known to ensure effectiveness – maybe delivering to homes, visiting businesses.

## 5. Any Other Business

Three questions were raised:

- d. How can the forum be involved with the concerns about increased houseboat numbers?
  - Comment was made that B&HCC planning enforcement are understood to be looking into this issue. Andrew thought that if planning was not required and Premier were acting within their lease then there would not be any recourse.
- e. How can lighting on pedestrian approaches to the East of the Marina be improved?
  - Areas outside the Marina are the responsibility of B&HCC and it is always worth asking them to improve such things.
- f. Is there a time limit for spending grant funding?
  - No, although funding has to be applied for each year.

## 6. Presentation by Black Rock & Eastern Seafront Development Team

Andrew Welcomed Chris Lowe, who leads the B&HCC project team carrying out the improvements at Black Rock and along to Duke's Mound. Chris gave a presentation explaining the detail of this project and took questions from the meeting. He undertook to refer back to the Council questions raised about CCTV monitoring and maintenance of the areas.

## 7. Date of Next Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

Provisionally in September 2022.