

MLGB Neighbourhood Forum October Meeting Minutes

Saturday 28 October 2023

Minutes Taker: Michaela Lesayova (in absence of NF Secretary)

Attended: Ian Mackay (Leeds City Council)

Michaela Lesayova (East Street Arts)

Pauline Alexis (Forum Chair)

Farhiya Hersi (MLGB Resident)

Joanna (Leeds City College via JLL)

Minutes:

-conversation about reviewing the NF conduct and organisation going forward opened

- for a review:

- Making the Forum meetings hybrid - to allow meeting attendance online (most likely via Zoom, TBC Google Meet, Ian will be able to help with Zoom set-up and running costs + screen for the meetings)
- For the purposes of hybrid meetings: assemble the tech kit (logistics of using it, storage of it), factor in setting up tech kit for the NF meetings in time for a sharp start of the meetings, chairing and giving the floor to people attending the meetings online
- NF meetings days and times (alternating weekdays vs. weekend days)
- NF meetings taking place at different venues (see Thackray Museum, Burtons Factory, East Street Arts etc. + paying room hire for these spaces)
- Review spaces on Lincoln Green which would be suitable for NF meetings
- Confirm the amount available in the NF engagement fund
- Confirm how the engagement fund will be used for: promoting, engagement, room bookings, Zoom payments etc. for the Forum
- Going into the new year: reboot/ refresh of the Forum, new approach, do new things

-Joanna (for JLL): planning permission updates on Mabgate - College House - similar to Enfield House, Leeds City College building is accessible to the local community, the space will be available after hours and accessible to hire to the public

-both Tomas and Ian coming to the NF meetings, one of them always present

-Nazia (Leeds City Council) able to support the NF for the next 6 months for a couple of hours a week (behind the scenes support with tech, emails, organisation, comms)

-Ian will make introductions to Nazia and will arrange a meeting

-Nazia is interested in planning, has good geographical information within LCC capacity, could support with digital mapping systems for the Forum

-the attendees recognised a lack of suitable meeting spaces in the MLGB area - task to review this and make a comprehensive list of suitable spaces going forward

-Ian recommended setting up a website for the MLGB Forum, independent of the ESA website

-Joanna suggested Leeds City College students could be approached with this task and support the MLGB Forum with some voluntary community work to build the website

-Joanna and Pauline will contact each other in order to arrange for this

-Pauline suggested some information cards or leaflets could be created about the Forum to promote it, especially when going to organisations like Burmantofts Senior Action or Leeds Refugee Forum (TBC arrangements for this)

-finding a new Secretary for the Forum (Michaela is happy to support with this before she leaves at the end of Jan 2024 + TBC Treasurer post)

-confirm the expectations and set up for the Jan 2024 Forum AGM

-Farhiya asked about bringing food along to the NF and invigorate it that way + recruit new members