## **CRICKLEWOOD**

## Cricklewood Business Network Meeting Minutes Thursday 10th May 2018 @ Clayton Crown

The Cricklewood Town Team (CTT)

**Attendance** 

Eoin Pardy - Clayton Crown Hotel

Holly Shackleton – Clayton Crown Hotel

Rebecca Humphreys – Clayton Crown Hotel

Danny Maher – Ashford Place

Daniel Idowu - Barnet Council

Sophie Fleming The Athena Network

Amrik Bhachn - Fine Living Interiors

Shelley Rahman - Barnet High Streets & Town Centres Investments Manager

Osita Udenson - Udenson Caldbeck, and Cricklewood Town Team

Mario Demetriou Chelsea Square

Marie Hancock Chair North West Two Residents Association

Tiernan Dixon Ardent Tid

Kash Mohamed Lounge 404

Sandor Fazekas - Brent Council

Thanks again to Eoin, Holly and Rebecca for their hospitality.

## **Key issues**

Brent Cross Cricklewood Development: A few of the Barnet businesses attended especially to find out a timeline for the Brent Cross project as they are on the corner of Cricklewood Lane and have no idea of when they are going to be given notice as have to relocate. We will invite John Burns - Senior Project Manager Hammerson plc – to our next meeting which will give businesses the opportunity to discuss the development and answer their questions

Street works parallel to Cricklewood Green: Shelley will investigate the nature of these works and why the CTT or local businesses were not informed of these works and will they be finished for our festival and our street market is being impeded

Galtymore site: Apparently planning permission has been agreed for flats and ASDA shop on the site with work beginning next year. To be confirmed.

Poor engagement of businesses in the meetings. The success of Cricklewood as a thriving attractive business area depends on individual businesses working together to make the changes necessary to position themselves to benefit from the impact of the Brent Cross Cricklewood Development. Suggestions included having thematic network events therefore our next meeting - date and time TBC - will have the Brent Cross Cricklewood Development as the main topic for discussion and with relevant reps from Barnet/Brent and the Development in attendance

Strategy: Eoin reminded the meeting that we had in previous meetings agreed to develop a 20 year strategy for the Bdwy and has requests support from the businesses to achieve this.

Yes, I popped up to Chelmsford to see the students present their interim findings at the beginning of the month. They have a couple more weeks to finish off their written reports and I think they will then be graded, so would expect to have the reports sent through hopefully around the end of this month. Will send through as soon as I receive.

You may remember that back a few months ago Brent Council had offered us the resources of a group of MSc Planning Students coming from Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford. They visited Cricklewood and spoke with a number of us as well as viewing the area. We look forward to their final report in a few weeks, which will include elements such as policies to increase the amount of tall buildings, the nighttime economy, reducing the number of road lanes and introducing a 20mph speed limit, smart technology to monitor traffic and air pollution, way finding and developing vacant sites.

Next meeting date/time to be confirmed.

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