

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 8th March 2016
Held at: Royal Connections, 90 Monier Rd, Fish Island, E3 2PS

“Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in Hackney Wick and Fish Island”

In attendance

Rachel Johnson - Stour Space (Chair)
William Chamberlain – Creative Wick
Yiyang Ge – Loughborough University in London (Secretary)
Stefano Del Core – Shapes Hackney
Chris Bowden – Navigus Planning
Rishin Poanaskar – Omega Movement
Symon Lynch – Das Kino
Cllr. Rachel Blake – LBTH
Charlie Benyon – Currell
Ben Hobart – Currell
Adam Dockley – Henry Wiltshire International
Chloe Robinson - Henry Wiltshire International
Fabricio Mendes – Creative Wick
Nick Sawyer – Weston Homes
Vanessa Coetzee – Peabody
Laura May Lewis – Chat’s Palace
Gill Wildman – Plot London/Upstarter
Adriana Marques – Foundation for Future London/LLDC
Leanne Hoogwaerts – FFL
Ashlie Nelson – Stratford Circus
Lucy Oliver Harrison – The Yard Theatre
Katie Sheasby – Howling Hops
Paul Daly – Paul Daly Venues
Emily Tara – V22 Collection
Pastor Tony Fawole – Royal Connections

1. Fish Island village/ Neptune Wharf (Vanessa Coetzee)

- Showed a short video about the current status of the project, showing an overview of the site which stretches from Monier road and Neptune Wharf and which will be developed in phase 1 next to the canal.
- The Trampery will provide management of the commercial workspace including a fabrication workshop, a theatre and a bar-restaurant in Block A, offering creative and technological entrepreneurs an affordable place to live and base their business in an integrated development. All necessary facilities are equipped. Work is due to start on-site in summer 2016.

- Q: How will the commercial space be made affordable?
The Trampery have a model for the provision of affordable workspace that they will share in due course. Charles Armstrong wasn't available to attend today's meeting.

- Q: Why name it Fish island village?
Because we want to make it more like a community along the canal-side, make it easier for the residents to communicate with each other.

- Q: Is the name available for others in this area if they want?
Peabody are not seeking to protect the name so that it is available for everyone on Fish Island to use if they wish.

- Q: When will the whole project finish?
There are 3 phases during the development process, and the whole construction will be finished at middle term in 2019

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2. Weston Homes – Nick Sawyer

120 Units are being built, 29 will be affordable, 12 with wheelchair access. Marketing suite is due to open in April 2017. Will find out if they are offering help to buy or similar. City & Suburban Homes are retaining the commercial space post construction.

Paul Daly, the new owner of 99 Wallis Rd (The Central Books building) asked some questions about the **late night economy**:

- Have developers learned from the Brick Lane/Shoreditch/Hoxton experience?
Balancing, the needs of local residents, businesses and visitors to the local late

- night economy can be designed into the fabric of each development – bedrooms located at the rear of buildings away from roads, triple glazing, air conditioning, the use of B1 buffers between bars and restaurants below and residential above.
- A thriving and varied late night economy from a range of cultural dimensions and communicating those different cultures actually adds value for developers whilst providing commercial opportunities for local people.
 - Estate Agents also have a role to play – Currell and Henry Weston – it has to be a two way trade.
 - Paul Daly can be contacted direct on paul@pauldalyvenues.com

3. Hub 67 and The Yard Theatre (Lucy Oliver, Harrison)

- Hub 67 was built by LLDC at the end of 2014, which aims to provide affordable community space for local residents.
- The Yard Theatre is taking over the day-to-day management of Hub 67 and the transition is underway as it applies systematic way to the management of Hub for next couple years. The guiding principle will still be to provide space and activities groups and residents together.

4. Upstarter Market (Gill Wildman)

- 4 new businesses will be taking it in turns to run a market stall in the car park on Roman Road this Saturday. The aim is to provide an opportunity for local businesses to prototype an idea and test it on consumers. The applicants can sign up for 6 week courses. Courses are given at different period of times during the day, making it accesible for different people.
- Q: what kind of business will be supported?
Social kitchen, IT support

Please contact gill@upstarterincubator.com for more information

5. Film school Creative Wick Film School (William Chamberlain)

- The Pilot Creative Wick Film School launches on 12 April at Hub 67 supported by Open Vizor and the Wick Award and will feature 12 local young people who will be taught to shoot a short film over a 6 week period by professional and award winning Hackney Wick and Fish Island based film makers. A premiere will take place on May 17th and there will be further screening opportunities provided by Open Vizor at Films for Food.

Please contact william@creativewick.com for more information

Updates

6. Queen's yard – Antisocial behaviour

The Tower Hamlets street cleaning team is now operating in Hackney Wick on a regular basis and local Queen's Yard businesses are jointly contributing to the cost of a private cleaner to keep the Yard and surrounding area free from broken glass and rubbish. Signs are being erected and there is a meeting on next Monday morning 10am

It was asked if traffic calming measures could be put in place on White Post Lane bridge to reduce the speed of traffic, particularly skip and concrete lorries. Cllr. Rachel Blake recommended contacting McGrath and London Concrete direct but this is something that has been brought up at LLDC Park Panel in the past. George Hull and Rachel Blake will give a further update at June's CIG meeting.

7. Das Kino - A new Arts Cinema (Symon Lynch)

- Symon wants to create a space for Arthouse Cinema in Hackney Wick. The cinema has run 4 films so far and is currently based behind Any Key IT at 92 White Post Lane but they are looking for a permanent home that would include space for the London Modular shop (<http://www.londonmodular.co.uk/>) shop currently sharing with Vinyl Pimp on Felstead Street.
- Please contact Symon on symonlynch@gmail.com if you have a suitable space or if you're interested in helping out or want to sign up to the Das Kino mailing list for notifications.

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- Royal Connections is available to hold / host events, such as conferences, seminars, exhibitions and concerts. They have 3 fully kitted recording studios outside and space for exhibition. They also have a free to use cash machine inside the main entrance and the community is welcome to use it.
- Looking forward to being more engaged in the community.
- Please contact Pastor Tony Fawole for more information pastortony@royalconnections.org.uk

The next meeting is on Friday 13th May at Cre8 Life Style Centre on Eastway.