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NOTTING HILL GATE IMPROVEMENTS GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE 67th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 APR 10 AT 7.30 AT
233-235 WESTBOURNE GROVE LONDON W11 2SE (JOHN SCOTT'S HOME)

1. APOLOGIES. For absence were received from David Campion, David Marshall, David Mc Hugh and Nathaniel Gee

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held on 11 Nov '09 were approved with the accounts circulated at the meeting and were signed by the chairman (also available on our website).

4. PRESENT. Those ticked on the enclosed list. Lucy Morris and Tim Burke were invited as guests but were unable to attend.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tues: 21 Sep 10 at 7.30

6. ITEMS FOR REPORT & DISCUSSION.

a) Portobello Market A very wide ranging discussion took place particularly the huge and disliked invasion of All Saints, some 15,000 sq ft of trading on gr. flr. & bsmnt. of 282-292 Westbourne Grove (formerly Lipka Arcades). It was reported that some 100 dealers had be^{ca} forced to leave.

J.S. reported a full Planning Meeting was scheduled for a Retrospective Planning application for 6.30 on Tuesday 13 April to rectify some adjustments to the elevations on Westbourne Grove and Portobello Road. These were referred to in J.S.'s letter of objection read out to the meeting.

It was clear that council policy was to encourage new 'cutting edge' clothing and other shops to make the street open up for full 6 or 7 day trading per week. Although some antique shops are open all week the arcades are generally shut save Saturdays when much trade takes place. One might say they are happy to pay for 6 days of storage for the good takings on Saturday. Of course like the flea market in Paris the tradition established is that it is a one day per week market. It was felt the council is anxious to make Portobello Road a much more vibrant connection with their new developments in Golborne Road. The concept was probably a desire to link the under-privileged North with the more affluent South area and Portobello Road would be a valuable conduit together with the new rail station connection. They want to "Chelsify" the road.

b) Bill Woodrow Clock. J.S. reported concerning a meeting with Daniel Moylan at which he stated no money whatsoever could be guaranteed from the Council. Even the previously suggested roughly £50,000 for ground work installations and other foundation expenses could not be relied on and we should fix early discussions with Ms Ted Brill (Exec. Director of Transport, Environment & Leisure Services), Jonathan Bore (new Planning officer) and Geoff Burrage (Traffic Planning Manager) to ensure our

application for funding is on course. We were advised that our Planning Application should be submitted after the General Election (6 May) on 10th May (Monday).

Whilst the principal problem of this project is the raising of the estimated cost of £350,000 it was felt wise to obtain planning consent first. However, the meeting was urged to consider means of raising this money for full discussion later.

c) Notting Hill Gate Underground Lavatories. It has been reported that the lavatories were currently disused but leased to TfL for storage of materials for the current station refurbishment works. The letting for such works has been granted by the Council. C.B. kindly agreed to try to obtain details of such letting from Cllr. Paget-Brown.

d) Art in Underground It was agreed (with some hesitation bearing in mind the substantial economic down turn) to ask Isobel Vasser to act as our adviser on a project in the limited areas available. The financial limits were agreed at 1) Isabel Vasser £1,000 for advising us of 3 wise choices and advising which she would recommend. 2) £250 for each of 3 contestants and addition £250 for the chosen one. 3) final cost of project to be under £50,000.

The meeting expressed anxiety at taking on another project (the clock), however as TfL had no "Art" input planned whatsoever it was felt something in this field had to be done to uphold the honour of Notting Hill Gate.

e) Art Print Project. J.S. reported that the completed works by artists selected by Toni Newman (or as many as were available) are stored in Westbourne Grove. Upon completion of, and receipt of planning consent for the clock Bill Woodrow has promised to execute a drawing of the clock in its location. The drawings can be sold and used for the promotion required for raising the large sum of money needed for the project.

f) Coronet Cinema. No progress has been made on persuading the church to "return the Coronet to its former glory" as previously promised.

g) Local Development Framework. The final voluminous report is lying on the table beside the Planning desk on ground floor of The Town Hall. Members were encouraged to view it.

FINANCIAL REPORT for period 7 Apr '10.

Total sum held £21,659.67 as set out on the report circulated to the meeting and included in the Minutes. The total is swollen by the donation from the French American Charitable Trust of \$6,529 US.

Search for Project Leader & Treasurer. J.S. expressed anxiety at the difficulty in filling these posts and urged the meeting to try to find suitable applicants.

The meeting concluded at 9.15