



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum AGM 2021

Held on Zoom on Wednesday, 26 May, 2021

MINUTES

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Apologies from Jane Leggett, Des Cass, Mary and Peter Holtby, Martin Adeney, Peter Walton
3. Minutes of AGM of 6 June 2019 were approved. No matters arising
4. Short presentations from guest speakers on local community action and volunteering:
 - **Simon Olley, Parkland Walk Wildlife Trail** described how a group of volunteers created this special quiet place, next to the Parkland Walk from an unprepossessing wilderness. Opened in September 2019, it now provides a range of habitats for wildlife and a much increased range of flora and fauna.
 - **Richard Webber, Highgate Volunteering Project:** emphasised the importance of volunteering both for the well being of individuals and the organisations who rely on them. The project will provide a leaflet - to go to everyone in N6 - which will list all the organisations who need volunteers.
 - **Maria Kramer, BMX track and nature trail CIL project:** described how the project on land next to the Library in Shepherds Hill will provide a much needed facility for teenagers, as well as nature trail of people of all ages.
 - **Naomi Russell, Food Bank Aid, North London:** thanked everyone in Highgate for their generosity in supporting 18 food banks across North London. £1.5 million worth of food had been distributed, feeding 8,500 people a week. The food banks expect the need to increase as furlough ends, at the same time as an increased need for volunteers as many go back to work. Now a registered charity, Food Bank Aid needs drivers and people to leaflet.



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5. **Chair's Report (on website in full):** it had been an extraordinary year for everyone and she thanked the committee for their work on various projects. Maggy Meade-King proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for her indefatigable energy and hard work on behalf of the community. No questions.
6. **Treasurer's Report** (on website in full): in short the HNF was solvent and had a balance of £2,323 in the bank account.
7. **Election of Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee for the forthcoming year:** as there were exactly 15 nominations for the 15 places, the Secretary proposed that they be elected on block by a show of hands (or Zoom thumbs up).

The following were duly elected:

Martin Adeney
Sarah Butterworth
Antony Grossman
Ian Henghes
Andrea Horth
Katherine Ives
Anne Jamieson
Ana Kinsella
Louise Lewis
Maggy Meade-King
Gerry O'Boyle
Alicia Pivaro
Helen Rapley
Peter Walton
Richard Webber

The meeting closed