



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21 January 2025 at Highgate School

MINUTES

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP) (Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK), Louise Lewis (LL), Katherine Ives (KI), Iain Brewster (IB), Anke Boeme (AB), Francis Wilkinson (FW), Dan Stranescu (DS), Dan Grubin (DG), Peter Jacobs (PJ), Chanel Noel (CN)

1. **Apologies:** Maria Kramer, Mia Jenkins (Highgate School Community Partnerships Officer), Jennifer Kung,

2. **Minutes of meeting of 16 October 2024** agreed – no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report (AP)

- Proposal to set up an ecology group, supported by LL.
- Old Highgate Station: Siri Zanelli is leading a revived working group. Haringey has been asked by TFL to come up with ideas for community/heritage centre.
- Highgate Festival in June 2025: concurrent with 50th anniversary of Kenwood Ladies Pond; multiple events planned, including school bands.
- Local schools to be informed about the HNF, to widen engagement; possible creation of a Youth Forum in an updated plan.
- Haringey climate partnership planning meeting on 30 January to promote repair, reuse and recycling initiatives.

4. Updates:

- **CIL projects:** new Haringey officer appointed to action active play/BMX project + Parkland Walk play areas

- **Highgate School Development plans (FW):** Dyne House redevelopment to take place in 2-3 years, in the context of a 10-year plan.

- Hydrology and other specialist reports in preparation.

- No artificial pitch on Far Field, orchard area to be retained, other changes following useful objections.

- New plans expected next month, as a result of 2024 consultations.

- Mallinson Building first to be built, is expected to be smaller than originally planned

- CN advised that safer crossing outside school/St. Michael's being built.

AB requested that all schools' traffic in the area be considered, including Channing.



- **Towards a Highgate Healthy Neighbourhood: green transport vision:** HNF pushing for meeting with Camden officials to discuss our green transport ideas + working to set up engagement inspired by Hampstead Transport Partnership
- **Dartmouth Park Healthy Neighbourhood Plan:** AP attended a group meeting and reported on:
 - Importance of good baseline data for final assessments/decision making.
 - Haringey's late involvement and statutory consultee and reservations about consequences.
 - Existing plans to be reviewed in min. 3 months.
 - TFL to fund final stage consultants.
 - Importance of coordinating Healthy Neighbourhood plans with Highgate School development plans.
- LL praised Lyme bikes and noted increased cycling speeds in Highgate.
- **Archway Road Action Group:** DG reported on intended revival, involving some residents as a subgroup, with no commercial involvement, dealing essentially with ideas and details.
 - FW asked whether terms of reference have been agreed as well as a reporting line to enable a formal report to be effective.
 - LL insisted on inclusion of biodiversity issues and coordination with the work of the Forum.
 - LL also noted that Natasha Walter had proposed greening and guerrilla gardening

5. Newsletter

MMK was thanked for producing them.

February issue next and inclusion deadline imminent.

6. AOB

- FW noted that air quality had deteriorated lately, in the absence of air movement.
- CN advised that she would soon leave Highgate School and a replacement would be advised accordingly -The meeting extended HNF's thanks to CN for her past work on the School's behalf.
- IB noted that the treasurer's role was yet to be confirmed and admin processes not yet resolved – **AP to organise meeting with IP and Neil Perkins**
- KI reported on the Highgate Library activities and upcoming community festivals, including Nowruz – the Persian New Year.
- LL noted that the notice board by Highgate Wood was in need of funding.



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