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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

**At Channing Junior School
1 Highgate High Street, London N6 5JR**

6.30 pm Tuesday 1 April 2025

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Peter Jacobs, Jennifer Kung, Francis Wilkinson (FW), Dan Stranescu, Maria Kramer (MK), Don Grubin (DB), Siri Zanelli (SZ)

MINUTES

1. **Apologies:** Katherine Ives, Louise Lewis, Anke Boehme, Cllr Anna Wright, Cllr Lorna Russell
2. **Minutes of meeting of 21 January, 2025 agreed.** No matters arising
3. **Chair's Report (AP):** Chair had attended a DPHN Joint Action Group meeting post Camden's decision to withdraw proposed scheme (see below). HNF offering to make discussions on a new scheme more constructive. **Meeting agreed to sign Joint Action Group press release** after some discussion.
4. **Reports from Councillors:** Cllr Anna Wright tabled the following:
 - I. **Dartmouth Park Healthy Neighbourhood Scheme**

Everyone will have heard that a decision has been taken by the leader of the council to "go back to the drawing board". While many see this as a positive move we are hearing from others who are disappointed that a scheme didn't get as far as a trial. Balancing different views and interests has been difficult. But this decision shows that Camden really does listen and respond to feedback on our proposals. We will continue to work with communities to



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explore options for ways to improve air quality and ease traffic congestion.

- II. Separately and independently of any wider traffic scheme, we are working with residents of **Highgate West Hill** to pursue options for mitigating the impact of the volume, speed and weight of traffic using the hill. Cllr Aref-Adib and myself convened a productive meeting between officers and the residents association and there is now a good level of engagement around ideas such as improved signage.
- III. **Pond Square Bus Stand project.** This project was included as part of the proposals under the Dartmouth Park Healthy Neighbourhood Scheme. But we will try to seek ways to progress this project as a stand-alone despite the decision to hold off on the wider scheme.
- IV. We are continuing to support the **Green Corridor** work and it's great news that this has now been included in the new Camden Local Plan.
- V. The HNF is always interested in an update on **local CIL funds**. Our pot has been more or less empty for this year but we have just received a small sum. This is already committed to the Doynton Triangle project which has been an agreed priority for several years and is now progressing to phase two with a wonderful community-led design that was produced through local resident engagement and is now being implemented by Camden.

5. Updates

- **CIL play projects:** a new officer has been appointed by Haringey. SZ reported that the scheme is just waiting for the Nature Conservation Officer and Friends of Parkland Walk to approve – play areas along the Walk should start building in September. MK reported that Arboricultural Report had been submitted on the Active Play Area.
- **Archway Road Action Group;** DG reported sub-committees set up and work ongoing. MMK added that TfL are proposing changes to improve safety on Archway Road. FW reported that Highgate Society had been invited to a Teams



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presentation about a new housing development plan for the Wellington Gyratory site.

6. **AGM:** date agreed May 14. **AP to ask Karen at Omved if we can hold it there.** People to be invited to talk about projects they are undertaking in Highgate.
7. **Report from Heath Hands Wildlife Connectivity event was** tabled by MMK. She added that a follow up meeting with Jeska Harington Gould (Growing Green), MMK, AP and Louise Lewis had agreed a strategy for promoting our biodiversity corridors and working with other organisations. MMK meeting with Golf Club + HS to co-ordinate. AP leading on finding sponsorship for a p/t paid role to lead on mapping etc.
8. **Newsletter:** going out w/b April 7
9. AOB
 - AP reported Festival plans going well – organisers co-ordinating with Jacksons Lane re their 50th anniversary. The Youth Forum will be in the Autumn to fit in with school terms.
 - FW said Heritage of London was refurbishing the Whittington Cat on Archway Road and would be interested in any other heritage ideas in Highgate – new lamps for the Waterlow Park gates on Swains Lane + a replacement Andrew Marvell plaque were suggested. Call for ideas to go in newsletter.
10. **Date of next meeting:** AGM May 14