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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

At Lauderdale House conservatory on Tuesday 15 July, 2025

Present: Alicia Pivaro (Chair AP), Maggy Meade-King (MMK), Katherine Ives (KI), Don Grubin (DG), Maria Kramer (MK), Gaelle Choppe (GC)

Minutes

1. Apologies: Siri Zanelli, Louise Lewis, Peter Jacobs, Jennifer Kung, Louise Shelley, Francis Wilkinson, Cllr Camron Aref-Adib, Dan Stranescu
2. Minutes of meeting of 1 April, 2025 were approved.
3. Election of officers:
 - Alicia Pivaro was proposed as Chair by MMK, seconded by KI – elected unanimously
 - MMK proposed as Deputy Chair by AP, seconded by KI – elected unanimously
 - Secretary – **vacant** but MK will take notes in the meantime
 - Treasurer – **vacant** – AP sorting in meantime
4. Areas of interest/responsibility:
 - Social media – AP might know someone who will take this on for us – MMK to send Facebook log in details - + KI said her comms team might be able to help
 - Planning: AP leading on this but help from other members of committee would be welcome
 - Traffic and transport: GC and DG
 - Open spaces/trees: Louise Lewis
 - Biodiversity: Siri Zanelli and Maria Kramer



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5. Chair's Report (AP)

- AP had met Ravinder Dhanjal, Haringey's dynamic new lead for High Streets. She will put ARAG colleagues in touch with her.
- Exciting plans for Haringey being Borough of Culture in 2027, which Archway Road could be a part of.
- AP met with Cllr Anna Wright to discuss the aftermath of the abandonment of the DPHN scheme – councillors and officials are meeting with Highgate West Hill and Chetwynd Road Residents. AP and MMK were going straight from meeting to a meeting of local groups from Archway, Dartmouth Park and Highgate interested in forming an umbrella group to promote positive ideas around quieter, safer, greener streets.
- Highgate Festival was a brilliant success with two events in Pond Square + a Community Bike Ride, amidst much else. It will definitely continue for another two years with a really big splash in 2027 to be a part of Haringey's Borough of Culture.

6. DG and GC reported back from the Archway Road Action Group (ARAG) – they had five sub groups:

- Flytipping, ASB, shoplifting and litter
- Placemaking (AP advised that this group needed to link up with Highgate Festival and Boogaloo)
- Road Safety (Joanne McCartney organising a meeting with TfL)
- Shop Preservation
- Greening – now delegated to HS Guerilla Gardeners

Planning a strategy, website and bank account

7. **Highgate School developments update:** *Due to a mix up re venue, Francis Wilkinson missed the meeting but sent this report:*

The substantially amended (and it is generally agreed, improved) plans for the Mallinson Centre, which is the first of the School's projects to be commenced, have been consulted on and it is hoped that there will be some further amendments as a result of comments made in the consultation meeting. The application is expected to be sent to Haringey in the autumn, with work to start next year. A consultation has also taken place in relation to the extension to the east wing of the Science Block, and it is hoped



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there will also be changes to that proposal. Dyne House, the rebuilding of which is the largest of the proposed developments, is not expected to be started for several years.

8. **AOB** KI raised the problems the Cemetery is having with objections by grave owners to one of the new buildings. It would seem that there has been a certain amount of misinformation flying around. They are asking that we update the HNF members with the current situation to avoid any misunderstandings – MMK agreed to add to next newsletter.
9. **Date of next meeting:** 8 October 2025 at Highgate School