



FOR HIGHGATE
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Minutes of Committee Meeting

21 January 2026

- Present:** Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK), Don Grubin, Louise Shelley, Katherine Ives, Gaelle Chopre, Louise Lewis (LL), Dan Stranescu, Jennifer Kung, Siri Zanelli, Francis Wilkinson (FW Minutes).
Apologies: Councillor Cameron Aref-Adib, Councillor Anna Wright, Councillor Lorna Russell, Peter Jacobs
- Minutes** of 8 October 2025: the minutes had been circulated and were approved - MMK to put on website.
- Matters arising:** Francis Wilkinson provided an update on the Telraam devices installed so far.
- Chair's report:** the Chair presented the Forum's response to the Haringey draft Local Plan, the contributions of the Highgate Society and the Archway Road Action Group ('ARAG') were discussed, and the response was supported.
- Reports from Councillors:** No reports received.
- Report from ARAG:** Don Grubin reported that a meeting had been held with TfL representatives (their road safety team) on 20.1.26. TfL is expected to put out a consultation on Archway Road at the beginning of February and this meeting was an opportunity to influence that. TfL has plans to improve the crossing on Archway Road near the entrance to Highgate Woods. ARAG raised their concerns with the TfL team and it was agreed the liaison with TfL would continue. Don Grubin also mentioned that the Highgate Society had received a negative response from TfL in relation to the proposed amalgamation of bus stops for northbound routes from Archway up Archway Road. Francis Wilkinson said that the response was being addressed.
- CIL Second Round spending:** a paper had been circulated (MMK); the proposals were approved, and they will be sent to Haringey on 22.1.26. The Active Play project on the site next to Highgate Library on Shepherds Hill (funded by CIL First Round) had finally received planning permission and it was hoped that both that and the Parkland Walk play project would now be speedily expedited. The Archway Road and Miltons greening proposals in our Second Round bid are a natural extension of these projects.
- Traffic and Transport:**
 - On 26 February there would be a meeting, arranged by the Highgate Society – which MMK would attend for HNF - with councillors from both Haringey and Camden Highgate wards to discuss Highgate Village traffic issues, particularly along the boundary between the boroughs.
 - On 4 February there would be a Travel Workshop which as well as HNF representatives, would include Jeska Harrington Gould (Growing Green), ARAG and PATCH



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- On 22 January would be the next meeting of the Highgate School Travel and Transport group
9. **Tree report:** Louise Lewis introduced her report and plans to identify trees which would fit the new category of 'Veteran Trees', and would approach Michael Hammerson to assist. MMK offered her help with reading old maps. There was a discussion of tree planting in the Miltons, which may form a part of the greening project described above.
10. **Nature North London:** The Chair introduced this paper – a proposal by Jeska Harrington Gould for a group of groups working on biodiversity issues and wildlife corridors. AP and MMK part of organising group. The first meeting to be hosted by Highgate School on Saturday 25 April.
11. **Priorities for 2026:** These were agreed to be:
- Ongoing review of LA Local Plans;
 - Traffic, Transport and Active Travel;
 - Biodiversity, including CIL projects;
 - Supporting High Street and Archway Road businesses: empty shops, how high streets need to adapt to changing consumer habits *.(There will be a meeting at the Boogaloo on 27 January about Archway Road involvement with this year's Highgate Festival and next year's Borough of Culture.)*
12. **Local Elections:** It was agreed that the Chair would meet the Chair of the Highgate Society with a view to agreeing a letter to be sent to candidates in the May local elections about how they would work cross-Borough + their priorities for Highgate.
13. **AOB:**
- Katherine Ives said that a Breakfast Meeting had identified the need for a local network to advise on fundraising, which had been set up.
 - The Chair led an expression of sympathy for the relatives of Jan Morgan, former chair of the Highgate Society, who had died on 31 December. Her memorial service would be at St Michaels Church on 30 January.
14. **Dates of meetings:** The next committee meeting would be on **20 April** at 6.30pm and Katherine Ives offered Lauderdale House as the venue if the Boogaloo is not available. The AGM would be at 6.30pm on **Monday 18 May**, at Omved Gardens.

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