



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

At the Boogaloo 312 Archway Road, N6 5AT

6.30 pm Monday 20 April, 2026

Present: Maggy Meade-King (MMK Chair and minutes), Katherine Ives (KI), Don Grubin (DG), Francis Wilkinson (FW), Peter Jacobs (PJ), Dan Stranescu (DS), Gaelle Choppre, (GC) Louise Shelley (LS), Louise Lewis (LL)

Minutes

1. Apologies: Alicia Pivaro (AP), Siri Zanelli, Cllr Anna Wright, Cllr Camron Aref-Adib, Jennifer Kung
2. Minutes of Wednesday 21 January, 2026, **agreed**
3. Chair's Report (*tabled – Appendix 1 below*)
 - NCIL meeting with Haringey officers + meeting to come with housing dept and Hillcrest residents (MMK explained spending agreed on Queens Wood paths, Borough of Culture public art work and greening)
 - Traffic meetings (notes tabled by AP re Healthy Streets/Transport Mapping Project) + MMK and FW spoke to meeting with local councillors
 - Nature North London (MMK answered questions)
 - Haringey Borough of Culture meeting with Haringey Culture Collective (MMK)
4. AGM on May 18 to be held at Omved – speakers to include Karen and Kiron from Omved + newly elected councillors. **MMK to circulate nomination paras for updating by committee.** Chair of Hillcrest RA has also agreed to stand.



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5. Local Elections virtual hustings

- HS/HNF manifesto requests (FW)
- HNF questions for candidates – see below* (MMK compiling for website post and mention in newsletter)

6. Old 271 space planning application (MMK)

7. ARAG report (GC):

- Waiting to hear from TfL re Archway Road Consultation on Road Safety + trees + paving. Debbie from Joanne McCartney's office arranging meeting
- Contacted owner of giant advertising board – Haringey Enforcement Officer working on enforcing biodiversity requirements in land at base + overly bright sign.
- Concerns about noise from Village Square Club
- Chasing TfL on bringing together bus stops at Archway

8. AOB LL registering trees of interest on Woodland Trust website – **MMK to include request for help in newsletter**

9. **Date of next meeting** to be decided after AGM

* What do you think are the main issues facing Highgate right now?

How would you collaborate with our neighbouring Councils to address these issues?

Appendix 1 Chair's update April 2026

NCIL meeting with Haringey officers

Haringey have £61,405 to spend in the Highgate ward from NCIL in this second round. We invited locals to put in ideas which Haringey evaluated in conversation with the HNF. The projects agreed for funding are;

£44,905 Greening Highgate – inc. Archway Road and other small projects

£10,000 Queens Wood pathway repairs

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£6,500 Public Art project for Haringey Borough of Culture (all wards are contributing)



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Traffic/transport meetings Update

26 February - MKK/ HNF and WB and FW/HSoc meeting with councillors from both Haringey and Camden Highgate wards to discuss Highgate Village traffic issues, particularly along the boundary between the boroughs – update from MMK/FW

4 February – HNF held the first Healthy Street/Community Mapping Workshop with HNF, HSoc, Growing Green, ARAG and PATCH – see attached notes

22 January - meeting of the Highgate School Travel and Transport group – update from FW

Nature North London launch event – Saturday 25th April

New network organisation, building on HNF Biodiversity Network (2022 – 2026), bringing together over 60 organisations and spaces working with nature and greening around the Heath. We are collaborating with HSoc Biodiversity Group and Growing Green on NNL with a small team and are being kindly hosted by Highgate School.

Haringey Borough of Culture 2027 (BoC)

AP/MMK had a meeting with Haringey Cultural Collective (org delivering BoC for the council). The theme is 'Rebel Borough'. We advocated working together with HNF to engage the community and also the Highgate Festival and ARAG to showcase Archway Road venues, galleries, orgs and Pink Plaques. Grant scheme to be launched in May 2026.

Highgate Festival 2026

The team wanted to make smaller this year to concentrate on BoC in 2027 but still have over 25 events!!! Also collaborating with HitList and Highgate Broadsheet to deliver programme in print and online.

Highgate School Biodiversity

HNF and Highgate Soc have both responded to Highgate School Biodiversity Net Gain Document and have strongly encouraged far more ambition. We hope to discuss our responses at the upcoming Highgate School Sustainability Group meeting with local groups on May 7th.

Alicia Pivaro
Chair, Highgate Neighbourhood Forum