



FOR HIGHGATE
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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting at 6A Church Road, London N6 4QT

6.30 pm Monday 6 July, 2026

Present: Alicia Pivaro (Chair AP), Katherine Ives, Peter Jacobs, Siri Zanelli, Don Grubin, Gaelle Choppe, Louise Shelley (LS), Linda Taylor, William Britain (WB), Cllr Eva Bell (EB), Maggy Meade-King (minutes MMK)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Welcome** and introductions
2. **Apologies:** Louise Lewis, Francis Wilkinson, Jennifer Kung, Dan Stranescu, Maria Kramer
3. **Minutes** of meeting of 20 April, 2026 approved – no matters arising
4. **Election of officers:**
 - Chair: Alicia Pivaro
 - Deputy Chair: Maggy Meade-King
 - Secretary: vacant – minute taking to be rotated
 - Treasurer: William Britain
5. **Priorities for coming year:**
 - **Haringey Borough of Culture** (to start in March 2027) bids – theme is Rebel Borough and grant funding available. HNF to co-ordinate Highgate ideas under Highgate Festival banner. Plans to focus on the Archway Road and its exciting cultural heritage. **Everyone to send ideas to AP**
 - **Hillcrest** – a crucial year for the estate as Haringey come up with possible proposals for infill. HNF has asked Haringey Planning and Housing officers for a meeting with ourselves



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and the Hillcrest residents but have yet to have that resolved. Cllr EB has put in a Member's Request for info about historical surveys of the site. Another of our councillors – Scott Emery – is now Chair of Planning Committee

- **Traffic and Transport:** WB responding on behalf of Highgate Society on new traffic proposals in Camden There is a shuffle round of responsibilities under the new Labour administration. Also concerned about bus reliability and performance. AP added that we are also connected to OurPatch who are campaigning for active travel in our local area.
- **Biodiversity:** MMK reported that most of our focus is now via Nature North London (NNL), which is looking at creating nine nature corridors spreading out from Hampstead Heath – there will be another big meeting in November. **Committee agreed to a £100 donation to NNL as a founder organisation** – this will go towards creating a website, digital map and newsletter. Other committee members offered to look at other sources of funding.

6. **Chair's Report** (AP): Lovely AGM at OmVed Gardens at which AP reported on our busy and productive year + Cllr EB introduced herself and gave an interesting account of the creation of Haringey's new minority administration.

7. **Councillor Update – Cllr Eva Bell (Highgate Ward, Haringey)**

- Cllr Bell noted that following the local elections, a Green Party minority administration was formed in Haringey on 20 May 2026. She highlighted relevant Cabinet Members appointments for HNF.
 - **Cllr Gio Iozzi**, Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport, with responsibility for highways, road safety, transport, trees, biodiversity and climate action. ([Cabinet Member profile](#))
 - **Cllr Tammy Hymas**, Co-Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, with responsibility for housing, homelessness, estate renewal and planning policy. ([Cabinet Member profile](#))



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- **Cllr Erin Wolson**, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, with responsibility for culture, leisure, parks and related community services. ([Cabinet Member profile](#))
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- She reported that many of the issues she is seen currently being raised by residents concern housing, planning and waste management.
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- She also reported that she had met with **Cllr Lorna Russell**, Green councillor for Highgate in Camden and Leader of the Opposition on Camden Council. They had agreed to work closely together on issues affecting residents living near the borough boundary, with the aim of improving coordination and strengthening residents' experience of local services across both boroughs.
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- She reiterated her willingness to act as a point of contact between the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and relevant council portfolio holders where this would be helpful.

8. AOB:

LS warned that scaffolding would be going up on Dyne House over the holidays but reassured everyone that this would just be for repairs.

9. Dates of meetings for 2026/7:

- **Monday 5 October, 2026 at Lauderdale House**
- **Wednesday 27 January, 2027 at Highgate School**
- **April meeting tbc**