

2nd December 2025	2nd December 2025, 6-8 pm
Location:	Kaleo Common Ground, Park Parade
Attending:	Trustees/staff: Chair; Sandra White (SW); Ilaria Esposito – Coordinator (IE), Julieta Galarza (JG), Ebrahim Piperdy (Treasurer) Planning Team: Colin George (CG), Philip Fry (PF), Colin Dallas (CD) Guests: Integrated Neighbourhood Team Other attendees and residents: 37 of which 4 were new members
Apologies:	Duane Pearson and Andrea Burris

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum – Public Meeting

	Minutes	Actions
	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Once registered, attendees had 30 minutes to enjoy refreshments, mingle, introduce themselves, and engage in talks concerning projects and developments in which the Forum is involved.</p> <p>SW welcomed everyone, introduced herself as Chair, and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. She explained a little history of the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>SW reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the Forum, reminding everyone of the purpose of our existence as a statutory body and organisation.</p>	

Agenda:

- **Extraordinary AGM: Formal vote for the change in the CIO constitution of the article**

Change of the article in the [Constitution](#) since the Forum has never asked for a membership fee. Changes required:

Current article - Membership fees 9.7 The CIO may require members to pay reasonable membership fees to the CIO.

Proposed new article - Membership fees 9.7 The CIO shall not require its members to pay any membership fees.

The required quorum was 19, counting full membership; at the time of the vote, we had 24 full members, of whom 22 voted for the new proposed article.

So SW announced the passing of the new article, which will be included in the constitution and sent to the Charity Commission for approval.

SW introduced the Radical Place Leadership Programme, a pilot initiative in Harlesden designed to change how local government works with its community. Instead of a top-down approach, the program focuses on empowering residents and regional organisations to take the lead in decision-making and service delivery.

[Radical place-based Leadership](#), a strategy used in other boroughs to tackle complex problems in communities. Harlesden will be the pilot neighbourhood, and the Forum will play a vital role. SW reported on the work-in-progress to bring local organisations together to support individuals and families with complex needs.

SW mentioned that, in a nutshell, RPBL means community power and the richness of resources and skills people in the community have. (For details, see the presentation [here](#).)

SW asked participants to bring examples of community power. Some of the residents spoke about their experience interacting with various organisations and community stakeholders to solve different problems in the community, explaining that community power starts with joining community efforts to contribute to the area's development.

SW asked the participants to take a look at the area on the wall that shows the actual Neighbourhood Plan, showcasing different community power actions they could join.

Other projects mentioned during the networking were:

- **Place partnership - getting Harlesden active.**
- **Community and green spaces**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and heritage projects • Neighbourhood safety <p>SW then invited Colin George, chair of the planning team, to speak about redesignation, the consultation running until January, and the revision of the LLB and OPDC, which is carried out every 5 years to redesignate the Planning Forum. Also asked the members to visit the planning team's table, as the consultation for revising the Neighbourhood Plan has officially begun.</p>	
	<p>Additional Q&A time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered informally in the networking space to allow more space for residents to ask questions 	
	<p>Networking continued till 8.15</p> <p>AOB and the next meeting</p> <p>The dates of future meetings will be on the website; the date is TBC.</p>	

Minutes approved on 17th December 2025

Sandra White



Chair of Trustees

