

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Trustee meeting minutes

Date and time of the meeting	Tuesday 10 th January 2022– 6.00-7.00 pm
Location	Zoom
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE), Colin George (CG), Margaret Cox (MC), Paul Anders (PA), Nouh Abukar(NA), Sandra White (SW). Amandine Alexandre (AA) Committee Members (CM)
Guests	
Apologies	
Absent	

Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion and agreed points)	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome / Introduction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW welcomed everyone. • CM approves 9th December 2021 minutes • Conflict of interest register check: none disclosed. 	
2.	<p>Forum General meeting and Trustee's annual report</p> <p>The meeting on 14th December was moved online due to new guidelines on spreading Covid-19. A non-refundable deposit has been paid to the Royal Oak, which is now booked for 25th January (they needed a date in January to hold the deposit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM decided on 22nd February for the next AGM. PA advised Planning for online options as well and following government guidelines. • AA suggested looking into other venues as the pub is not accessible for mobility issues and wheelchair users. PA and SW reinforced that the Forum needed to make any effort to make our meetings accessible to everyone. • IE reported that Picture Palace should be ready in Spring/Summer. • CM discussed that the meeting format could stay the same as planned for December, including AGM business's annual report and trustees election. CG suggests that if the meeting were to be moved suddenly online, we would need to cut speaking time and speakers. <p>IE and PA drafted the annual accounts and a trustee's annual report, ready for submission. PA explains the need for a Reserve policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA explained that the minimum reserve the Forum can keep is 3 or 6 months reserves. • CM decided for 6 months to avoid the Forum spending reserves needed in the future. 	<p>IE to get in touch with guest speakers about the new date.</p> <p>SW to change the date at the Royal Oak</p> <p>SW to contact the Methodist Church</p> <p>IE Inform Brent planning officer</p> <p>IE and SW have a meeting with Grace Nelson – in Jan 2022</p> <p>SW to contact CVS Brent on Picture Palace</p> <p>IE to align the policy format and save it in a folder</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM approved the draft Reserve Policy 	
3.	<p>Clean air and environment</p> <p>TFL Wembley to Willesden healthy street plan seems to have been aborted, although it's not official yet. February 2020- TFL officers attending the last face-to-face meeting before the Covid crisis struck presented the project. Residents were consulted on this project. Some participated in a workshop in March 2020.</p> <p>On their website, TFL said they would update at the end of 2021. That didn't happen. They now say they are working with Brent on a new cycle of highway plans. AA asked the council to give updates since the statement is very vague and non-committal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNF to contact TFL and Brent and remind them about TFL promises for better infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists in the area. • HNF to remind local councillors about it <p>Powerday: AA reported that a first step should be collecting data and then approaching the company for an initial meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA applied for a pollution station on 3rd December. We should hear from them soon. • We should collect data on how many HGV's pass on the High street. A task force including AA, CG, MC and Ambassadors will set a date to collect data <p>Roundwood park follows up: IE invited park management in December for a meeting on 19th January in Roundwood to discuss several matters concerning green spaces and other issues under their responsibility. They are waiting for meeting confirmation from Kelly Eaton. Reminder to confirm sent today.</p> <p>Tubbs road: survey needs to be delivered door to door or next to the pocket park. IE will gather availability to close it by the end of January. (30th January)</p> <p>Wendover car park: Yeti works with Ashley to improve Wendover road carpark. The Council does not fund signage in different languages regarding rubbish.</p> <p>MC will look into possible funding with Veolia sustainability fund</p>	<p>IE to follow up on TFL and Brent. AA to share contacts. AA draft a letter for Councillors.</p> <p>To set a date for clean air data collection related to HGV's</p> <p>IE to buy a tablet for that. IE to email SW, MC, Ambassadors</p>
4.	<p>Planning updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lights - CG is in touch with Ashley Cumberland to ensure the matter is followed up. <p>Kenmont Primary School petition on dangerous crossings: AA wrote to Cllr Jumbo about the hazardous crossings near Kenmont but in Harlesden. AA asked for an update regarding the crossings highlighted by the parents in their petition and how TFL and Brent could work together to make them more secure. AA suggested some improvements.</p>	<p>CG to update the CM in Feb 2022 AA to update CM of development with traffic matters.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jumbo is setting up a group to work on the matter and inviting Amandine to participate. • AA sees an excellent opportunity to influence the situation around crossings. • CG suggested repainting as well. • AA will contact the person who designed the petition. • SW asked AA to represent the Forum in the working group. <p>AA reported that the School Street scheme would be revised soon by the Cabinet.</p>	
4.	<p>Brent Multi-Faith Forum meeting VAWG 27th January 12-1 pm</p> <p>Brent Multi-Faith Forum Liaison meeting with local police representatives' main agenda will be tackling violence against women and girls, for which Harlesden is a hotspot. They invited the Forum to take part.</p> <p>These meetings are built around a reciprocal dynamic, so in addition to discussing how we might better tackle the issue of violence against women and girls, you will also get the chance to voice other concerns we have with the police. (eg. How the police conduct themselves, police work in the community).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM decided to attend the meeting • Contributions and suggestions to be shared via email by CM • SW proposed to continue the conversation around ASB and Heritage Action Zone 	<p>IE and AA to attend. IE asks them to become members and talk about Forum membership during the event.</p>
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>MC explained that numerous Afghan families have lived in Harlesden for decades. Many of them have family members in Afghanistan who, since recent changes, rely on them sending money to stay alive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC asked if the Forum help set up some form of support • The CM shared ideas concerning membership and signposting. SW suggested that MC get in touch with Refugee Education UK based in Harlesden and invite them to become members to become part of the community and network with others. <p>Safer neighbourhood team meeting. MC reported that she had been invited to be part of the board. MC will update us on this matter. CG and SW suggest that MC represent the Forum on the SNT rather than send another trustee. MC will speak with Leroy Simpson about the proposal.</p>	<p>IE to introduce MC to REUK MC to invite the families to become Forum members MC to update CM on SNT decision</p>
6.	<p>Date and venue of the following committee meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal meeting on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6 pm 	<p>IE to send agenda and minutes to CM</p>