

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Trustee meeting minutes

Date and time of the meeting	Tuesday 4th November – 6.00-8.00 pm
Location	Rumi's Kitchen
Attending	Ilaria Esposito (IE) (Coordinator), Sandra White (SW), Amandine Alexandre (AA), Andrea Burris (AB), Julieta Galarza (JG),
Guests	CG (Colin George) PF (Philip Fry)
Apologies	Ebrahim Piperdy (EP) (Treasurer), Duane Pearson (DP)
Absent	

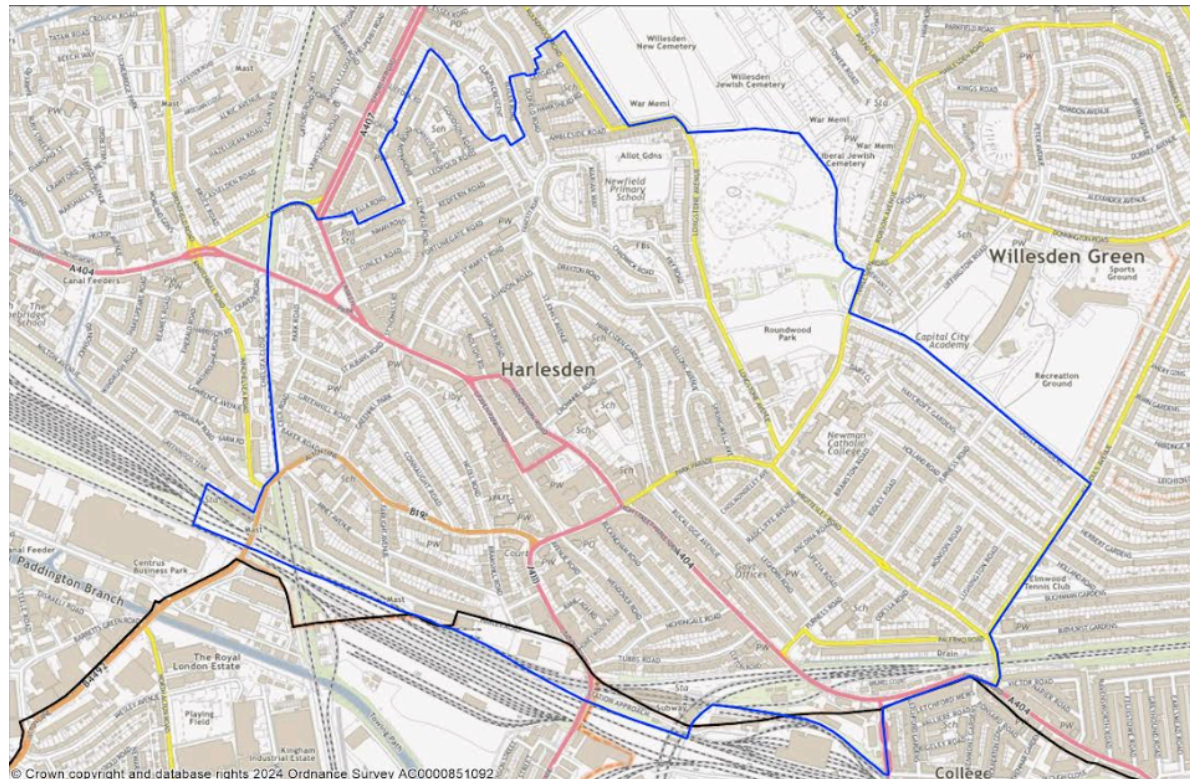
Agenda item	Discussion (Key discussion and agreed points)	Actions
1.	Welcome / Introduction. SW welcomed everyone Trustees approved the 21st May 2025 trustee meeting minutes - Conflict of interest register check: AA discloses that since she is running for election for the Harlesden and Kensal Green wards, there is a conflict of interest in exercising the role of trustee. The board thanks and asks AA to pass part of her portfolio on IE and possibly AB. AA will continue to be a full member of the forum and volunteer when she can.	IE to update minutes on the website.
2.	Organisational development SW informs the board that the contract to act as community convenor in partnership with Sport at the Heart and Jason Robert Foundation has been signed and the pilot to work on community power. This concept might need to be shared in different ways with the membership and residents to make sure people not only understand, but might want to feel involved. JG and PF mention that we are progressing on several things on the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan but for capacity reason we are not communicating it extensively and which results we achieved.	IE to update the strategy document with the new programmes and assets Forum Strategy 2024 - 2027

	SW suggests to spend some time on updating our website and publish on social as well as use our public meeting.	
3.	Planning - R designation public consultation will be out on 24th November for 6 weeks. - Neighbourhood Plan revision: next steps and inclusion of Brent and OPDC policies - Timeline shared by CG suggested that while we wait for redesignation, we start enriching the plan sections and add new sections: - Young people, ageing well, place a strong emphasis on partnership, clean air and a clean environment, heritage, business development, community facilities, transport and access, green spaces, and nature connection. - SW suggested that some sections can be written or revised by groups already in specific areas. - CG suggested looking at the most recent Neighbourhood plans from Kilburn and West Hampstead NP - Include also one geographical area and regeneration happening there. Church End Improvements: feasibility report of the green corridors. The project aims to enhance safety, accessibility, and green spaces along these routes. Residents and stakeholders are invited to provide their feedback on the plans, which include improvements for walking and cycling, increased greening Division of Tasks: IE asked how parts should be divided since we do not have an external consultant to put it together or write this time, but only the support from	IE to start the collaborative writing folder. IE TO ASSIGN THE SECTIONS TO DIFFERENT GROUPS
4.	forum public meeting and extraordinary AGM venue: Kaleo Common ground date: 2nd December Draft agenda: Introduction to Community Power Examples - Q&A	IE will prepare documents and activities. IE to book the venue.

- Forum new boundaries and plan revision consultation
- general updates and success in planning and Q&A from residents

Planning team to be involved

Newsletter: join us at **Kaleo Common Ground** on **Tuesday, 2nd December** from **6- 8 pm** for the end-of-the-year meeting, the conversation on **COMMUNITY POWER** and **the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan**. Get involved in our upcoming opportunities and projects to contribute to the place where you live, study, work or enjoy your free time.



What is **COMMUNITY POWER**?

A pilot initiative in Harlesden - designed to change how the local government works with its community. Instead of a top-down approach, the program empowers residents and local organisations to take the lead in decision-making and service delivery.

How do you define **COMMUNITY POWER?** We look forward to showing some examples and

	hearing from you. Agenda includes: <u>Refreshments throughout the meeting</u> <u>Extraordinary AGM</u> Change of the article in the <u>Constitution</u> since the Forum has never asked for a membership fee. Changes required: • <i>Current article - Membership fees 9.8 The CIO may require members to pay reasonable membership fees to the CIO.</i> • Proposed new article - Membership fees 9.8 The CIO shall not require its members to pay any membership fees. <u>Public meeting</u> Community power examples exchange Neighbourhood Plan Revision Place partnership - getting Harlesden active Community facilities and green spaces Cultural and heritage projects Neighbourhood safety	
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	Date and venue of the subsequent trustee meetings & planning meetings TBC	IE will send the agenda and minutes to the trustees.