

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum
12 March 2024**

The eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum took place at 7.00pm on 12 March 2024.

It was held at the Hampstead Community Centre with more than 50 people attending. The Powerpoint slides shown at the meeting are on the Forum's website.

Forum activities

Alex Nicoll, chair, reported on the Forum's activities in the past year. He recalled that the 2023 AGM had discussed updating the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. The Forum's committee and advisers had since been working on a new draft. The main elements had been circulated widely in the community. The most important changes were new policies on sustainable design, especially to support retrofitting of homes without damaging Hampstead's important heritage. There was new language on biodiversity corridors and considerate construction, and guidance on two strategic sites which might be developed in the future.

Noting that every Neighbourhood Plan required the widest possible consultation, the chair reported that the Forum had held public meetings, and had conducted a survey of opinions. A leaflet about the survey had been delivered to every home in the Plan area. Forum committee members had written numerous columns in the Ham&High. The Heath & Hampstead Society had kindly included a piece in its quarterly members' newsletter. Among other efforts, the Forum had consulted schoolchildren on their opinions.

Nicoll said responses to the survey were very positive. The committee was adjusting the draft to take comments into account. After ensuring that the Plan met all legal requirements, the Forum would submit it to Camden, which would also carry out a consultation. Then an independent examiner would review it. It was hoped that the Plan would take effect in 2025.

Annual General Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes from the last AGM.

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 21 March 2023, had been posted on the Forum's website. As proposed by Linda Chung and seconded by Guy Wingate, the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Accounts

In the absence of Clyde Whittaker, treasurer, Alex Nicoll reported on the Forum's accounts for 2023. The Forum's bank account at the end of the year stood at £1,051, almost the same as at the beginning of the year. Small costs for the website and banking were met by donations. The Forum continued to seek and receive donations to meet annual costs. In 2024, the Forum had received a grant from a government agency of £8,331, held in custody by Camden, to meet costs of revising the Plan such as paying consultants for expert advice. As proposed by Sean Lask and seconded by Andrea Lally Kukrika, the accounts were approved unanimously.

3. Election of the Committee

The chair noted that the real currency of voluntary organisations was not money but time. Over the past year, the Forum's committee members and advisers had devoted large amounts of time and hard work. Each brought particular sets of experience to the Forum.

Nominees to the committee had been published on the Forum's website, with short biographies.

The chair asked for a vote on the nominees being elected as a single slate. This was proposed by Oliver Froment and seconded by Jonathan Bergman and passed unanimously.

The nominees were:

- Carissa Bub
- David Castle
- Stefano Filippi
- Oliver Froment
- Janine Griffis
- Vicki Harding
- Andrew Haslam-Jones
- Andrea Lally Kukrika
- Sean Lask
- Alex Nicoll
- Glen Robinson
- Katharina Schauer
- Stephen Taylor
- Clyde Whittaker
- Guy Wingate

The nominees were proposed for election by Janine Griffis and seconded by Guy Wingate, and were elected unanimously.

The chair thanked Linda Chung and Stephen Stark, councillors for Hampstead Town ward and *ex officio* members of the committee, for their extraordinary work on behalf of the Hampstead community.

4. There being no other business, the chair closed the formal AGM.

Workshop on retrofitting

The meeting proceeded to hold a workshop on retrofitting, chaired by Janine Griffis. The speakers were Andrea Lally Kukrika, a Forum committee member whose family had refitted their Victorian house to Passivhaus standard; Katharina Schauer, Forum committee member; Maggie Tapa, sustainability officer, Camden; and Ben Owen, retrofit coordinator at Ecofurb, a consultancy. After their presentations, a lively discussion followed. Slides of both the AGM and the workshop are displayed on the Forum's website.