

NORWOOD FORUM

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

Norwood Forum Committee
Monday 11 August 2025 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Knowles of Norwood
Minutes and actions

Present: Jane East (Co-Chair), Tom Palmer (Co-Chair), Noshir Patel (Treasurer), Anne Crane, Odilon Couzin, Gloria Orosungunleka, Sue Osborn, Philip Virgo

Apologies: Kim Hart, Tim Stephens, Bryn Lockwood and Jane Pickard

Also present: Sophie Mason (Administrator)

Jane East in the Chair

1. Welcome and Declarations of Interests

- Tom reported that he has updated his Declaration of Interests form.
- No other Declaration of Interests shared.

2. Minutes and matters arising/updates on actions

Minutes from the June Committee meeting were approved and the following actions were agreed:

ACTIONS:

- Delete minute relating to AGM timescale.
- Update minutes to replace “Safe Hands” with “Safer Havens.”
- Publish the revised minutes on the website.

It was then agreed to amend the order of the agenda, and start with the Committee Activity Reports and then go on to AGM planning.

3. Committee Activity

Key points from Committee Activity topics outlined below.

Public Transport and Active Travel:

- A report was circulated by Tom ahead of the meeting.
- Tom provided an update on the Transform Tulse Hill campaign, a local community initiative seeking to redesign the hazardous one-way gyratory system at the junction of Norwood Road and the A205 South Circular. He noted the Forum’s active collaboration with the campaign.
- Tom highlighted that the gyratory is a significant collision black spot. It was agreed that funds from the Forum’s Streetworks budget could be allocated in support of the campaign.
- Transport for London’s (TfL) plans for Tulse Hill have been delayed. The Forum will wait for these to be published before making formal comments or proposing additional ideas.

- Tom reported that TfL has confirmed changes to the junction of Rosendale Road and the A205 Thurlow Park Road (South Circular Road), with works scheduled to begin in 2026.
- Two outstanding Norwood Forum transport events are to be delivered before the AGM:
 - With older people - coordinated by Gloria and Tom - will be held on Tuesday 19 August.
 - With parents of young children - to be coordinated by Kim, date to be confirmed.
- Public Transport and Active Travel discussions will be reported back at the AGM.

ACTIONS:

- Continue to support the Transform Tulse Hill campaign, attend meetings and offer financial support.
- Publish TfL's consultation on the junction of Rosendale Road and A205 Thurlow Park Road (South Circular Road) on the website. [Since the Committee meeting, an article has been published on our website here: <https://norwoodforum.org/node/3711>]
- Involve Thriving Norwood and share details of transport event (Philip to share with Ruth / Casper).
- Tom to compile a summary report on Public Transport and Active Travel, which will include the four public engagement events, and present at the AGM.

Planning:

- Anne shared a report in advance of the meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Sophie to liaise with Tim regarding planning and licensing applications for advice on a possible triage system.
- Post AGM, the Committee to identify a volunteer to review the new licensing applications which are now being received.

Small Grants:

ACTIONS:

- Sophie to prepare an update on outstanding projects, including the £50 gardening grants.
- Odilon and Kim to chase speakers for the AGM.
- Sophie to prepare a summary report for the AGM.
- Sophie to invite Willem from Carnac Street Community Garden to speak at the AGM.

West Norwood Cemetery/Heritage:

- Sue circulated a report on West Norwood Cemetery ahead of the meeting.

ACTIONS:

- Sue to draft an email to the Council requesting clarification on the temporary safety measures planned for the Robson Road entrance, identifying and addressing any risks prior to the opening.
- Publish Cemetery meetings on the Forum's website.

Community Safety:

- Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting reports circulated ahead of the meeting:
 - Knight's Hill - Tim
 - St Martin's - Anne
 - West Dulwich - Anne
- It was agreed we should produce one consolidated report covering updates from all Safer Neighbourhood Panel meetings (rather than four individual reports).
- This approach will be reviewed again after the AGM.

ACTIONS:

- Identify a lead to consolidate SNP reports and review this approach after the AGM.
- Publish details of SNP meetings on the website, with a note advising people to check for changes before attending.
- Ensure that a committee member attends every SNP meeting.
- Publish the key discussion points from the SNP meetings on the website.
- Philip to share information on the Community Road (Speed) Watch scheme.
- Produce one report covering updates from all Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meetings - Sophie to approach committee members.

4. Annual Community Review/AGM Planning

Jane shared the timetable for the AGM, highlighting confirmed speakers and outlining the discussion section focused on the Lambeth Local Plan. She emphasised the need for committee members to support the event by leading breakout groups. These groups will reflect key themes from the Local Plan and will be used to collect feedback from attendees.

The committee discussed themes for the breakout groups. Suggested topics include:

- Public Transport and Active Travel
- Health and Wellbeing
- Green Norwood
- Community Engagement
- Built Environment / Town Centre and Planning
- Community safety

ACTIONS:

- Leadership team to finalise themes for the breakout groups and share with the committee as soon as possible.
- All committee members select a breakout group to lead. No formal speech required - the role is to facilitate discussion and gather feedback.
- Sophie to draft briefing documents for Rezina Chowdhury and Helen Hayes, outlining the AGM format and suggesting potential speaking topics relevant to the local area. Suggested topics include sustainability, the environment, and priorities for the next two years. Speaking slots are confirmed for 15 minutes each, including Q&A.
- Sophie to ensure that all local councillors from the four relevant wards have been invited to the AGM.

- All committee members complete and submit their committee nomination forms by Saturday 30 August.

Following the AGM discussion, the committee returned to Committee Activity, and reports not addressed earlier due to time constraints.

3. Committee Activity

Green Norwood:

- Jane attended the Lambeth Repair Café in Brixton - a wonderful initiative - and it would be fantastic to explore whether we could bring something similar to Norwood.

Education:

- The Forum does not currently have an education subcommittee and is relying on Sue's expertise in this area.

ACTION: Sue to draft a response to the SEND consultation, specifically, expressing the Forum's support for increased provision for children with learning disabilities at Elm Court School

4. Feedback on LFN meetings

- Tom has attended a meeting of the LFN. The Forum has submitted its monitoring report for the year. We have requested that the LFN Annual Report include a case study of our small grants programme.