



Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions
Monday 2 June 2025 (6.30pm - 8.30pm)
The Hope

Present: Jane East (Co- Chair), Tom Palmer (Co-Chair), Noshir Patel (Treasurer), Anne Crane, Andrew Johns, Bryn Lockwood, Gloria Orosungunleka, Sue Osborn, Tom Palmer, Tim Stephens

Apologies: Kim Hart (Secretary), Odilon Couzin, Jane Pickard

Also present: Sophie Mason (Administrator)

Tom in the Chair

1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest (Dol)

Warm welcome from Tom. Committee members were invited to declare any interests.

It was noted that Gloria's Declaration of Interest form is outstanding.

ACTION: Gloria to complete and return Dol form.

Tom informed the committee that he has recently been appointed Vice Chair of the South Area Board. He accepted the position due to a shortage of members on the board, which would have prevented it from proceeding otherwise.

2. Minutes and matters arising/updates on actions

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising:

- Kim was unable to attend due to an urgent matter at West Norwood Cemetery.
- Tim provided an update on the Museum of the Moon installation, noting that the best time to visit is around 8pm, with the cemetery open until 11pm.
- Thanks were extended to Tim and Sue for their continued efforts and work at the cemetery.
- Jane E noted the next Lambeth Forum Network (LFN) meeting will be held on 19 June. Feedback has been submitted on the LFN Terms of Reference.

3. Constitution

The Constitution was emailed to the Committee earlier in the day and any further comments need to be made by the end of the week [6th June].

3.3 Community Relations and Planning Concerns

Two recent incidents – involving Protect Brockwell Park and West Dulwich Action Group – have exposed growing tensions between residents and Lambeth Council around planning and community consultation.

Key discussion points:

- Widespread dissatisfaction with the council's handling of events and planning in Brockwell Park.
- Concern over decision-making transparency and whether permitted development rules are being misapplied.
- Committee members expressed that while they are not opposed to events in principle, the size and scale of events raises questions around ecological preservation.
- Frustration that large events lead to extensive fencing and space closures, limiting community use.
- Tom noted he is part of the Protect Brockwell Park WhatsApp group.
- General support for the Lambeth Country Show and related concern was raised over the implications of the legal action.
- Jane E emphasised the need for meaningful engagement and suggested working with Amelia Willis, who now leads Lambeth's community engagement team.

Questions raised:

- Must events in Brockwell Park be so large?
- Can the scale and fencing be reduced to preserve community access?
- Is Lambeth meeting its responsibilities as a planning authority.
- **ACTION:** Sophie to liaise with Jane to engage Amelia Willis, including potential ideas such as publicising her role on the Forum's website or featuring an interview with her in the Forum newsletter. Also to invite Amelia to the Forum's AGM. Tom to draft a response to Lambeth Council for committee agreement.
- Following the cancellation of the West Dulwich LTN resulting from the court case brought about by West Dulwich Action Group, the community disharmony over this issue was discussed.

Whilst committee members hold strong views on this subject, it was suggested Norwood Forum should act to rebuild community relationships. It was agreed no action should be taken whilst further clarifications of the Judge's orders are awaited and any further response from Lambeth Council had been made public. Any further action other than continuing to accurately report developments should be discussed by committee.

4. Committee Activity

The agenda covered public transport, Thriving Norwood, Small Grants, Heritage, Education, Safer Norwood, SADPD, Green Norwood and Lambeth Forum Network.

Transport:

- Concerns expressed that the Council is not properly consulting the public on transport issues.
- Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ): Questions raised over whether the CPZ consultation is about timing only or the entire scheme.
- Community input appears limited — does the community actually have a choice?
- **ACTION:** Investigate specific conditions and exemptions (e.g. blue badge holders).

- NAG has submitted a response to the consultation.
- Particular concern noted for bus drivers at the West Norwood bus garage, as many rely on driving and may be negatively affected by the CPZ.
- **ACTION:** Check the emission bands for vehicles. Lambeth seems very expensive, so compare with other boroughs.
- **ACTION:** Publish Rezina Chowdhury's Q&A on our website.

Thriving Norwood:

- No update.

Small Grants:

- Gloria gave an update on the current small grant projects, running through feedback on some of the projects.
- Content related to the Community Grant Scheme will be included in the LFN Annual Report.

Heritage:

- Sophie did not circulate the Heritage report and apologised for the oversight.
- **ACTION:** Sophie to circulate the paper as soon as possible.

Safer Neighbourhoods:

- **ACTION:** Any committee member attending Safer Neighbourhood meetings must circulate a report to the committee.

SADPD (Site Allocations DPD)

- Nothing to report.

Green Norwood

- Jane is taking a lead together with Odilon with a meeting with council officers scheduled.

Education:

- **ACTION:** Share updates with parents on schools potentially facing closure.
- **ACTION:** Publicise the Safe Havens app on the website and Sophie to liaise with Andrew regarding this.