



Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 13 April 2026, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

The Fire Station Community Room, 210 Knight's Hill, London SE27 0QA

Present: Jane East (Chair), Kim Hart (Secretary), Noshir Patel (Treasurer), Odilon Couzin (Treasurer), Anne Crane, Anita Hall, Andrew Johns, Bryn Lockwood, Sue Osborn, Tim Stephens

Apologies: Pete Elliott, Philip Virgo

Will arrive late: Gloria Orosungunleka, Tom Palmer

Jane in the Chair

Meeting commenced 6.37pm

1. Conflicts of Interest

1.1 Changes to 25-26 Declaration of Interest forms

Jane – as a member of the Labour Party, currently actively campaigning

Odilon – resigned from Labour Party

Tom – standing for election as Green Party candidate in forthcoming local elections, so stepping down from Norwood Forum co-chair role

Action:

Kim to amend Declaration of Interest forms

Obtain existing hard copies from Sophie

2. Minutes of February 2026 meeting

2.1 No matters arising

2.2 No actions to discuss not covered elsewhere

2.3 Minutes were approved

3. Future of the Forum

3.1 Update on funding applications

National Lottery application rejected.

London Community Fund – further questions answered – waiting on outcome expected in April

3.2 Next steps

Leadership Group agreed reassignment of Streetworks ring fenced funds, retaining £500 to support Transform Tulse Hill (community group Norwood Forum supports with similar aim to remove Tulse Hill Gyratory) - this to enable sufficient funds to recruit new administrator for 12months.

Consider reapplying to National Lottery, trimming down ambitions – this was agreed

Everyone asked to keep looking for funding opportunities and to share with info@

Brockwell Live and Walcot Fund noted.

Action:

Odilon to compile list

(Tom joined meeting)

3.3 Business model

As a constituted not for profit we are limited in our funding application opportunities. Formal registration as CIC or CIO is an option. Decision would need approval by our members (membership are those signed up to receive our newsletter). AGM could be timely, if not EGM could be called to

achieve this. Quorum is 30 members.

Actions:

Odilon to discuss detailed differences CIC/CIO with Integrate (Lambeth's commissioned VCSE adviser)

Kim introduce Lambeth Horticulture Society to Odilon – LHS recently became a CIO

Anne introduce Dulwich Society to Odilon

3.4 New administrator

Kim advised 13 applications received, shortlisting about to be undertaken by Kim, Jane, Noshir.

Interviews by Kim and Jane.

(Gloria joined meeting)

4. Sub-committees: Terms of Reference for discussion/signing off, other matters arising

4.1 Planning and Licensing

It was noted that though registered the Forum does not get all planning applications due to varying levels of statutory consultation – this can be a problem that is hard to resolve.

Key points:

>This sub-committee focus is on Planning and Licensing applications. Policy consultation such as Licensing or Gambling to be brought to full committee for response to be agreed, including who will lead.

>Importance of not missing major applications – Railway Bell pub in Gipsy Hill an historic pub potentially lost - 114 objections from the community including from Herne Hill Forum – we should have been involved

>Sub-committee to flag applications as relevant to Safer/Green/Heritage to get their input

>Numbers on sub-committee – draft ToR says 2 – this should be change to 3 as per our agreed guidance, with any potentially challenging/controversial issues brought to the Leadership Group in the first instance

>Focus on our role of informing the community – need regular web news story

Actions:

ToR to be amended to take into account points raised above.

4.2 Gambling Policy

Reported that LBL made improvements to the policy at the last possible moment and whilst the reasoning behind Gambling Clusters still remains cloudy, no further action was recommended at this time.

This was agreed.

4.3 Schools and Education

Failure to act on falling rolls impacts negatively on the pupils' education; causes significant financial pressure and large deficits which axiomatically result in closures in other services. Keeping such services open also result negatively on the environment as such buildings need to be heated etc.

Action:

Post election to ask to meet the Councillors with a brief for education.

4.4 Other sub-committee reports tabled:

Sub-committee reports:

5.3 Green Norwood

5.4 Travel Norwood

5.5 Safer Norwood

5.6 Thriving Norwood

None of these listed points for discussion, except Green Day – see item 8 below.

It was noted lack of web news stories for Safer Norwood following Safer Neighbourhood Board meetings which had been previously agreed. Safer Norwood lead Andrew had also agreed previously to go through the SNB handbook and equip each of the Forum four reps with questions to bring to

the attention of each Chair.

Action:

c/f - Andrew to review handbook and provide crib sheet for Norwood Forum reps.

5. Hustings

5.1 Kim provided update on hustings and everyone agreed they could attend as per this plan:

St Martin's Ward: Tuesday 21 April: Kim, Tim and Bryn

Knight's Hill Ward, Thursday 23 April: Odilon, Anne and Gloria

Gipsy Hill Ward: Tuesday 28 April: Jane, Anita and Philip

West Dulwich Ward: Thursday 30 April: Noshir, Sue and Andrew

5.2 Discussion on collation of questions

Kim explained these are confidential, not shared with the candidates in advance and only the Chair has a copy. It was agreed the Leadership Group would have sight, but Jane and Noshir excluded due to conflict of interest.

6. Green Day

6.1 Agreed this would provide the framework within which our AGM would sit

Date: ideal Saturday 13 June 2026 to coincide with Big Green Week 8-14 June 2026

Actions:

Kim to check venue availability

Odilon to set up sub-committee

7. AOB

7.01 Kim advised on conversation with Joe Pike, graphic designer on potential to refresh the Forum website. Joe able to suggest simple ideas and interested in the work. Suggested we undertake a simple internal survey to gather committee members comments.

Action:

It was agreed Kim would send out questionnaire to committee

7.02 Philip advised that all St Martins ward prospective candidates had expressed interest in attending next Safer Neighbourhood Board meeting.

7.03 Thames Water and recent flooding. Agreed this was a campaign for future discussion.

7.04 Noshir surprised still residents who have not heard of Norwood Forum – should we look to have some of our noticeboards?

Action:

Agreed worth looking at. Noshir to consider where, cost and management.

No committee meeting date was set for the next meeting, as that would be agreed with the new committee following election at the AGM.

It was agreed to hold a virtual meeting prior to AGM/Green Day to brief committee members

Meeting ended at 8.47pm

Actions collated from above minutes:

No.	Action	Who	When	Status
1.1	Amend Dol's	Kim	ASAP	
3.2	Forum Future – everyone to send in funding ideas	Odilon to collate list	Rolling	
3.3	Business model	Odilon to discuss detailed differences	ASAP	

		CIC/CIO with Integrate (Lambeth's commissioned VCSE adviser) Kim introduce Lambeth Horticulture Society to Odilon – LHS recently became a CIO Anne introduce Dulwich Society to Odilon		
4.1	Planning subcommittee ToR to be amended	Odilon	ASAP	
4.3	Schools and Education - Post election to ask to meet the Councillors with a brief for education.		New committee decision	
6	Green Day	Kim to check venue availability Odilon to set up sub- committee	ASAP	
7.01	Website survey to committee members	Kim	ASAP	
7.04	Noticeboards	Agreed worth looking at. Noshir to consider where, cost and management.	ASAP	

Actions carried forward

No.	Action	Who	When	Status
1	Email community group about reallocation of remaining ScrapTheYard donations	Kim	ASAP	Verbal yes from a small number of people – providing we support campaign to the best of our ability if it becomes live again. Kim making another attempt to reach more of

				those originally involved
2	Safer Norwood - Crib sheet from Handbook for reps to take to each Chair Website news stories	Andrew	ASAP Timely	c/f
3	2024-25 small grants scheme – finish evaluation report	Odilon and Gloria	ASAP	Kim to contact the one missing report - Hermoine