

Date and time of meeting:	23rd February 2024, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Location:	The Tavistock Hall
Attending:	Trustees/staff: Chair; Sandra White (SW); Colin George (CG); Amandine Alexandre (AA); Gavin Bond (GB) Ilaria Esposito – Coordinator (IE) Guests: Jessica Atu (Brent Health Matters), Elaine Sheppard, Brent Friends of the Earth - United for Warm Homes campaign, ABC consortium Tessa Munro, Kristine Wellington (CVS Brent) Nary Wijeratne Director (Sport at the Heart), Mili Patel (Councillor for Harlesden and Kensal green) Other attendees: 45 Members
Apologies:	Jose Trueba (JT) Julieta Galarza (JG);

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	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Once registered, attendees had 30 minutes to visit the different tables and engage in talks concerning projects and developments in which the Forum is involved, especially the planning table, as we are closing the two-year consultation around the extensions of the boundaries.</p> <p>Networking, guest speakers and thematic tables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CG, describe how the consultation was delivered in the last two years and the follow-up with maps, different options, and proposals to extend the Forum’s boundaries. ● HHAZ 1000 years of Harlesden project merchandise was available for members to take (possibly with a voluntary donation to fundraise the next round) and enquire about involvement in the project ● Sport at the Heart presented the local offer of sports for the community and young people, which is accessible at Roundwood Youth Centre. ● Brent Health Matters was supposed to present options for Harlesden residents to check their health if their GP is busy. The team will be present at every Forum meeting to offer their support to residents. Due to an arrival delay, they only spoke with some residents this time. ● The ABC consortium, represented by CVS, presented updates on the refurbishment and plans for Picture Palace and the reasons for delays. The building should be ready by February 2025, based on the current plans and development. ● Brent Friends of the Earth introduced the ‘United for Warm Homes’ campaign and spoke with residents about 	<p>Liaise with the Planning Department at LLB and OPDC to launch the public consultation.</p>

	<p>getting involved in local actions to hold the authorities and the government accountable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW welcomed everyone, introduced herself as Chair, and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. • SW went through the agenda of the meeting. • SW introduced the rest of the trustees. 	
2	<p>Presentation of annual report and accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW led the annual report presentation, inviting members to look at the extensive copies of the available written report. SW asked members to approve the annual report and accounts. The membership unanimously approved them. • SW passed the floor to AA to discuss the workaround clean air explained in the Annual report. Members had questions concerning the cycle lane and the responsibility of TfL/LLB. Mili Patel assured the residents that the processes concerning the green corridors and clean air strategy implementation are happening, but the implementation will require some time. • SW passed the floor to CG to present the extension of boundaries and their background in the plenary and asked the members to raise questions or approach him. CG outlined the results of informal public consultations that have taken place over the past 2 years. CG presented the draft extension plan and maps showing the extra streets to the north and a tidying of the border to the south. The meeting assented to progressing these changes with our two planning authorities, the London Borough of Brent (LBB) and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC). <p>Trustees' appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW explained the procedures in the constitution: one-third of the trustees stand down every year. The membership then votes for the appointment of new trustees and the reappointment of any trustees who have stood down but wish to stand again. • SW explained that the Forum Constitution says that the Reappointment of trustees <p><i>17.1 Any person who retires as a trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment. A trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term but may be reappointed for one more term after an interval of at least three years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW mentioned that CG would stand down after many years of service. SW asked everyone to join her in applauding CG for standing down after eight years of volunteering as the forum's Trustee and Planning team. CG will continue to be a member and volunteer in another capacity when needed. 	<p>Annual reports and full accounts are available on the Forum or Charity Commission websites. (click on the link)</p> <p>IE to communicate the change to the Charity Commission.</p> <p>SW to organise a follow-up meeting with the Tavistock Hall</p> <p>IE to connect new and old members with their requests</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW invited the members to vote for the reappointment of AA, JT, and JG and the first appointment of GB, which was confirmed unanimously by a show of hands. 	
3.	<p>Q&A time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered informally in the networking space to allow more space for residents to ask questions 	
4.	<p>Networking continued till 8.30 pm.</p> <p>AOB and the next meeting</p> <p>The dates of future meetings will be on the website shortly. The next Forum meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 22nd June 2024, 11- 1 pm at the Nature Connection at Roundwood Park.</p>	

