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**Norwood Forum Committee**

**Monday 16 January 2023 at 6:30pm**

**The Hope pub, 49 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JS**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Anne Crane (AC), Jane East (JE), Kim Hart (KH) (Chair), **Gloria Orosungunleka** (GO) (Vice-Chair), Noshir Patel (NP) (Treasurer) and Philip Virgo (PV)

**Also present:** Tim Stephens (TS) (Administrator)

**Apologies for absence:** Jane Pickard (JP); Councillor Jackie Meldrum (JM); Catherine Walsh (Lambeth Council)

Kim Hart in the Chair

**Declarations of interest**

None.

1. **Community groups invited to meeting**

Box on the Hill

Ryan Spence was unable to attend and KH would make arrangements for a discussion at a future meeting.

Norwood Community Group Services

Jamal Abdur Rahman described the likely activities of the revamped Norwood Community Group Services (NCGS), which was shortly to seek new funding as part of the [Norwood Consortium](https://rathbonesociety.org.uk/norwood-consortium/) (Rathbone/High Trees Community Development Trust/Norwood Community Group Services/Fulham Football Club Foundation/Ashdon Jazz Academy). NCGS has provided sports and recreation classes and mentoring services to local young people at various venues including Rathbone and Elmgreen School.

**The Committee discussed how Norwood Forum and NCGS might work in partnership, and agreed:**

* **PV to discuss with** Jamal Abdur Rahman **the mooted health & wellbeing themed West Norwood Feast in 2023 (see item 7 below)**
* **KH to send details of funding opportunities to** Jamal Abdur Rahman
* **TS to ensure website page covering the Norwood Consortium was up to date.**

1. **Notes of last meeting: Monday, 12 December 2022**

Approved.

1. **Work programme 2022-23**

Noted.

1. **LFN** **Commissioning Outcomes 2021-24**

Draft EDI Policy: approved subject to the sub-committee (GO/JE/JP) reporting back to next meeting on:

* Finalised wording of the “\* The policy reinforces our commitment to provide equal facilities” section
* Suggested ways of implementing the policy in practice

1. **Chair’s report on campaigns**

[Sites 18 & 19](https://norwoodforum.org/site-18-and-site-19): the petition had been submitted and it was expected a response would be sent by an officer. The campaign steering group response had been sent to the Cabinet Member (Councillor Danny Adilypour: Deputy Leader of the Council (Sustainable Growth and New Homes)) and his decision on sites to be included in the further draft SADPD to be submitted to Cabinet (Regulation 19 consultation) in winter 2022-23 was awaited. Preparation was underway to respond to this announcement.

Streetworks: the [Norwood Road](https://norwoodforum.org/news/17-nov-22/norwood-road-resurfacing-works) resurfacing works had started as scheduled on 9 January, and one night’s work had been lost due to bad weather. The scheme had started badly with all parking bays from Chestnut Road to the diagonal crossing being blocked by barricades or cones – which was contrary to the agreed arrangements. No problems had been reported since, and works were due to be finished by Saturday 21 January 2023 (6am). The success of arranging the series of pedestrian priority at side roads and a diagonal crossing treatment that met most of the community’s objectives was recognised.

The [Tulse Hill gyratory](https://norwoodforum.org/news/02-dec-22/tulse-hill-gyratory-tfl-resurface-monday-5-december) resurfacing scheme had been abandoned by TfL due to the bad weather before Christmas, and there had been no subsequent advice on when the works would be completed. No further news on the removal of Tulse Hill gyratory should be expected until the summer (see notes of last meeting).

[Streatham Wells LTN](https://norwoodforum.org/news/04-dec-22/streatham-wells-low-traffic-neighbourhood-public-meeting): TS to chase Councillor Malcom Clarke for a response to the representations made on 22 December 2022 about the lack of consultation with Knights Hill ward residents or apparent consideration of the possible impact on this area. KH would ask Councillor Ibtisam Adem about the position on the stakeholder group: Knight’s Hill Safer Street Alliance.

1. [**Controlled Parking Zones in Norwood**](https://norwoodforum.org/news/29-dec-22/controlled-parking-zones-coming-west-norwood-and-gipsy-hill)

The Committee reviewed experiences so far with the introduction of neighbouring CPZs and past local proposals. An initial meeting to cover the overall proposals for Gipsy Hill and West Norwood and operating arrangements was to be held shortly with Lambeth officers and Station to Station, and the outcomes would be fed back by KH. A volunteer from the committee was sought to lead on this work.

Quietway: the [statutory consultation](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/have-your-say-proposed-tulse-hill-controlled-parking-zone-cpz-extension-brockwell-park-gypsy-hill) on the Brockwell Park to Gipsy Hill Quietway (north of the South Circular) was underway and was combined with the Tulse Hill CPZ extension.

1. **King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust: public engagement**

PV set out the proposal he had developed with Kings College Hospital Foundation Trust (KCHNFT) to deliver a health & wellbeing themed West Norwood Feast. Various health providers (including the PCN and other health bodies, GPs and pharmacies) would run stalls promoting a wide gambit of health initiatives. The overall vision was to provide an environment to address the health inequality suffered by some local people. Mobile health transport was to be made available (and parking provided).

The Committee welcomed the initiative (to be badged as a Norwood Forum project), but recognised that KCHNFT and other health providers would need to take special steps to ensure those suffering health inequality issues were informed and were willing and able to attend. PV was asked to discuss the proposal further with Feast and KCHNFT and report to future Forum Committee meetings. PV would also discuss with Jamal Abdur Rahman the possible involvement of NCGS (see also minute 1 above).

1. **Planning applications and pre-applications**

Norwood Planning Assembly redesignation: KH and AC to discuss.

[22/03361/FUL: 1-5 Waylett Place London SE27 9AF](https://planning.lambeth.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RIISAQBOFLB00) (part of site 18): application refused under officer delegated powers.

Avenue Park Road: no application submitted to date.

Aldi: [22/04095/FUL - site adjacent to and south of 107 Knight's Hill, SE27 0SR](https://planning.lambeth.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage): objection to be drafted on basis of issues raised in summer 2022 pre-consultation and to support submitted objection by Station to Station: NP.

Other applications: a number of applications required objections (in support of those made by NAG): NP & GO.

1. **Grants update**

Gipsy Hill health & wellbeing small grants scheme round 2: commencement date (expected end of January 2023) not set as outcome of further funding application was still awaited; KH to chase. The final Live Again Singing Project event would now be held in March 2023.

Norwood Forum community grants scheme: JE was willing to visit the schemes; TS to write accordingly to all successful applicants.

1. **Community Safety**

Not discussed due to lack of time.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

NP advised that LFN grant funding had been received, and he would report the 2022-23 budgetary position to the next meeting.

1. **Norwood Forum operations**

Feedback form to be used by all to record attendance and give feedback from meetings attended as representative of Forum, and also to record information from other meetings which it was useful to share with Forum Committee members. TS to recirculate form.

Not otherwise discussed.

1. **Other business**

West Norwood Health & Leisure Centre - swimming pool etc closure: TS reported on the actions taken to press the Council to publish comprehensive information on the reasons for closure, steps being taken to effect the necessary repairs and the timetable involved.

Lambeth Local History Forum Fair 2023: TS reported on planning underway to hold the annual Fair in West Norwood during the first weekend of September 2023; either Saturday or Sunday.

ChooSE27 Festival 31 March – 2 April 2023: KH reported on plans for this local business focused Station to Station festival, which was planned to incorporate the first West Norwood Feast of 2023.

Next meeting: Monday 20 February 2023 (6:30pm): KH to establish whether to move meeting to in-person rather than Zoom (as programmed) to facilitate planned website and comms review workshop. Issues for discussion for this workshop would be welcome from all.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

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| **Other Action Points {last date discussed}** | **Who** | **When** |
| 1. Small parcels of land: Assets of Community Value {24.02.21}  * Need to proceed * Suggestions on areas of land | JM  All |  |
| 1. Streetworks:  * finishing the Norwood Road phase {12.12.22} | KH/NP/  JM/TS | 20.02.23 |
| 1. Naming the Station Rise to Norwood Road alley way: competition with Elmgreen School. ACr: note on street naming principles NP: consider competition {28.04.21} | ACr  NP |  |
| 1. Treasurer reports {09.07.22} | NP | 20.02.23 |
| 1. Planning applications {21.11.22} | ACr | 20.02.23 |
| 1. CSP:  * Eat around the world: developed idea {06.09.21} * Plans for {09.05.22}: * Youth engagement and education outreach programmes for the coming summer * Access to local health and welfare services as Covid restrictions lift * Safe access to on-line services, including those of the NHS   Meetings as such were unlikely. | PV |  |
| 1. Equality, diversity and inclusion: EDI Policy – implementation {16.01.23} | GO/JP/JE | 20.02.23 |
| 1. Website and comms review workshop {04.10.21} | KH | 20.02.23 |
| 1. Norwood Forum Community Grants scheme {21.11.22} | JE  KH | 20.02.23 |
| 1. Draft Site Allocations Development Plan: sites 18 & 19campaign etc {13.06.22}: stakeholder meetings {21.11.22}  * Draft report * Draft FoI * Movement against tall blocks | KH  ACr  KH |  |
| 1. H**ealth & wellbeing themed West Norwood Feast** | PV | 20.02.23 |
| 1. GDPR and data protection: annual review | TS | By 01.08.23 |

Appendix

Goals:

* Larger committee (currently 7 members; constitution allows up to 15 members)
* Reach deeper/wider into our communities
* Give Forum stronger voice
* Make Forum more relevant to local people
* Strength in unity
* Community cohesion
* Promoting agency
* Bridging communities.

Agreed a short intro text about the Forum was needed for sharing with contacts, along with a new postcard. KH will provide a first draft for both, for email discussion/editing prior to the next committee meeting.  
  
Ideas list for ways to promote the Forum. Whilst the new postcard is designed along with drafting new intro wording, focus to be on creating contact lists:

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| **Purpose** | **Action** |
| **Contacts/contact lists** | |
| TRA’s | KH |
| WhatsApp groups – especially street and school (noted that people do opt out) | ALL |
| Neighbourhood Watch | PV |
| Faith groups | GO |
| Health providers, Link workers | PV, KH |
| Sports groups | AC |
| Housing (not Lambeth) – care and residential, housing associations etc – everyone to look at noticeboards outside these buildings they regularly pass and note down contact details | ALL |
| **Promotion when blurb/postcard available** | |
| Promote Forum to Gipsy Hill Health & Wellbeing Grants applicants | KH |
| Promote Forum to Forum Community Grants applicants | JE |
| Approach owners of local businesses who live locally, via Station to Station (KH) but also reach Crystal Palace, Gipsy Hill, Rosendale Road shops. Leverage all our contacts | ALL |
| Posts on Next Door, West Norwood Local (Facebook), any other FB pages and other social media platforms | ALL |
| Schools: leafleting, via school bags, newsletters (though parents often say they don’t read those) – schedule/rota will be needed | ALL |
| Public noticeboards | ALL |
| Lambeth Talk, Love Lambeth, Brixton Bugle, Brixton Buzz | KH |
| **Groups to reach – discussion points to go forward** | |
| Young people: how the Forum could engage with young people to better understand how to represent the things that are important to them. It was recognised it was unlikely young people would want to join the committee; they would though be welcome. It was agreed to utilise our existing contacts with Rathbone/Norwood Consortium, Emmanuel Youth Club and Emmanuel Homework Club (recipients of Gipsy Hill grant funding), and 4All, in the first instance.  Aim – to find a small handful of young people we could organise to speak to – potentially over pizza.  Reasons we think young people should engage with us:   * Good for mental health * Have stake in community * Make Norwood a better place for them * Promoting life skills * Safe homeworking space.   General agreement that these will not necessarily attract anyone to actually speak to us, so we need to use our contacts to help us with this aim. | 4ALL – NP Rathbone/Norwood Consortium – PV Emmanuel Youth and Homework clubs - KH |
| Older people: first action is for all to collectively make a list of contacts found on noticeboards outside care and residential homes, etc. It was noted that AgeUK had recently brought out a really useful new leaflet; copy needed for next meeting. CW advised that hard copies of Lambeth’s leaflet on cost of living crisis were to be distributed, with details on timing and how awaited. The Forum has links to Lambeth resources already on our website. Challenge of reaching those to whom the Forum might be most useful for – those living alone – discussion to continue. | ALL |
| Residents: aid recognition and establishment of residents’ groups: a guide on how to establish a group that is recognised by Lambeth – speak to John O’Reilly, Lambeth Residents Engagement Officer for our area. | KH |

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| **Resources we will use** | |
| Signpost to website: [www.norwoodforum.org](http://www.norwoodforum.org) | ALL |
| Signpost to our newsletter: [Sign up to newsletter](file:///C:\Users\Kim\Downloads\and%20join%20us%20here%20by%20signing%20up%20for%20your%20newsletter) | ALL |
| Signpost to our social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @NorwoodForum | ALL |
| New A5 promotion post card and/or short Forum blurb | KH |

**Groups with named Norwood Forum representative**

(Attendance feedback forms to be sent to info@)

Lambeth Forum Network – *KH, NP*  
Lambeth Biodiversity Network  
Friends of various parks –

* Norwood Park – *JP*
* Tivoli Park - *JP*
* Tritton Vale Pocket Garden - *KH*
* Brockwell - *NJ*

Lambeth Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group - *KH*  
Lambeth Neighbourhood Champions

Lambeth Safer Neighbourhood Board – *PV chair* (representing LFN: all community forums)

Safer Neighbourhood Panels – ward based:

Gipsy Hill – *GO*  
Knights Hill – *KH to establish new representative (was JE)*  
West Dulwich & St. Martins – *NP*  
Health and Wellbeing Network Breakfast meetings – *PV/KH*

Friends of West Norwood Health & Leisure Centre & Park – *JP*  
Lambeth Thriving Network - *KH*  
Lambeth Local History Forum - *TS*

West Norwood Neighbourhood Working Pilot - *KH*Lambeth Community Hub Network – *JP*  
Lambeth Food Hub Network - *PV*

Lambeth Voluntary and Community Sector Participation Group - *KH*

Lambeth Prevent Advisory Group? – *PV*

Lambeth Digital Inclusion Network - *PV*

West Norwood Cemetery - *TS*

Streetworks – *KH, NP, TS*

Primary Care Networks: *all about education/H&WB/partnership activities – note below*  
Old Dairy – *NP*  
Hill, Brook and Dale – *PV, AC*

Norwood Action Group – we are invited to attend each committee meeting - *NP*