



Hampstead garden Suburb Residents Association
Minutes of meeting held 14th April 2026 8pm

Present: Peter McCluskie (Chair), Stewart Roiter (Treasurer), Francine Barsam (Hon Secretary) Adrian Hodgson, Jonathan Waxman, Maureen Dor, Judy Smith, Asher Budwig, Colin Gregory, Shelley-Anne Salisbury. Bernadette Rae (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: Lynda Cook.

1. Minutes of meetings: Keep minutes as far as possible to decisions and action points only. Agreed. **Action - Bernadette**
2. Finances : All on course. A grant application which was queried is still outstanding but has not been pursued.
3. Grants and sponsorships:
 - Friends of Lyttleton grant application (path): Offer made remains on the table. RA is neutral until there is a professional feasibility study for which the RA will pay (up to £1000).
 - Gaya Café grant/sponsorship application. This should be a sponsorship. **Initial Action - Shelley-Anne**
- 5.2 Terms and conditions for grants could be on our website, for example, grants will be considered a certain number of times a year, limit to how many can be given to the same organisation, the types of things RA will sponsor, we can reclaim if turns out to be unlawful or used for purpose other than granted. Discussion draft to be circulated. **Action - Adrian**
4. HGS Trust Committee Representation:

Last meeting Council unanimously made a nomination for the Estate Committee. Trust want a choice of people. Unanimously agreed that should be rejected and they consider RA nominations one at a time. Meeting to be sought with Trust. **Action - Peter**
5. Council, Committee and other roles: the draft circulated was agreed with minor amendment..
6. Membership and outreach: membership is increasing each month but is still slightly behind the previous year. Flyering to non-member households to begin.
7. Publications – Proofreaders needed. Call out to be included in next Suburb eNews. **Action – Shelley-Anne**
8. Events – Summer Fair: all confirmed except donkeys. There will be Morris dancers. Volunteers available from HB School. Free Church for teas and coffees.

9. Trees & Open Spaces:

- Peter Falk is stepping down from the committee and needs to be replaced: oversight of planting and care of street trees and monitoring of planning applications for garden trees

Action - Colin

-Protection of trees. Need to be able to challenge LBB legally on TPOs and statutory duty to conserve character of given area. Need legal advice. Agreed by a majority. Legal advice to be scoped and costed in the first instance. **Action - Colin**

10. Safeguarding – RA has joined NCVO. Policy document to be drafted. **Action - Adrian**

11. Next scheduled meeting – 14 July 2026.