



## Minutes of Trustees Meeting

**Date & Time:** 13 January 2026 at 8.00 pm

**Location:** Online

**Present:** Nick Dimant (Deputy Chair / Interim Chair), Karen Goodman (Treasurer), George Karaolis, Simon Duke, Arlette Garcia, Ross Houston

**Apologies:** Pourus Panthakee, Peter Fielding

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed.

### 2. Financial Report

Karen circulated the current financial position. The bank balance is £4,045.67 as of 13-Jan-2026.

Karen raised £25 that is pending payment from her birthday fundraiser.

Pending payment from Benevity of c.£100 due to come through.

### 3. Managing Work Sessions

It was agreed to use the proposed new Google sheets to cover “Next Work Session” and “Work Party Attendees” record-keeping and logistics. A link to both these sheets will be in the group description of the Trustees WhatsApp group to simplify access.

It was agreed that each trustee should populate the “Work Party Attendees” calendar with sessions they cannot attend (“x”) and also sessions they are able to lead (“L”).

**ACTION: ALL TRUSTEES**

### 4. Trustees

New elections will be held in April at the AGM. Nick offered to stand as Chair with Karen stepping in as Interim Chair when Nick is abroad.

It was agreed that George would do the minutes and would be Interim Secretary.

### 5. Current and Future Projects

It was noted that the wildflowers seeding had already occurred.

It was agreed that the gabions planting would proceed.

### 6. Dates of 2026 Board Meetings

It was agreed that the Board Meetings would be planned a quarter in advance.

It was agreed the next meeting (AGM) would be Wednesday 22nd April.

### 7. AOB

It was agreed to follow-up with Elms4London for disease-resistant Elm saplings.

**ACTION: Nick**



It was agreed to consider Sponsorship for the newsletter and website from companies that are local and/or align with the values of the Charity.

It was agreed that £500 per annum should be the "Sponsor" level to match what Martyn Gerard currently donates. Specific details on how to differentiate between "Sponsors" and others who donate tools, woodchip or otherwise support the Open Space to be agreed.

**ACTION:**

**George to check with Waitrose/Tesco for Community Schemes/Sponsorship.**

**Nick to check with Tally Ho Trees.**

**Karen to confirm arrangement with Martyn Gerard who currently donate around £500 per annum.**

It was agreed the newsletter would be produced twice per year (Spring and Autumn), rather than 3 times like last year.

**ACTION: Arlette**

It was agreed to speak with the Estate Agent that keeps installing a sign on the fence to ask them to remove it. If they fail to remove it, notify Barnet Council/Ross.

**ACTION: Karen**