

**WOODBERRY DOWN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes
Tuesday 2nd June 2026
7 pm Zoom Meeting**

Attendance

Adrian Essex, Oonagh Gormley, Hilary Britton, Gita Sootarsing, Leonora Williams, Omar Villalba

Visitors included

Roda Hassan, Ameera Hassan

0.1 Welcome / Apologies for absence

Gloria Obilana

Section 0 - Introduction

1. Minutes of meeting 5th May 2026:

1.1. The minutes were agreed and accepted for accuracy.

2. Matters Arising / Action Tracker:

2.1. Simon Donovan updated that MHDT have secured £110,000 in grants and that Fin's involvement will be increased to five days a week and has been appointed as Development Manager. Hilary proposed asking Fin what her plans will be as Development Manager. Omar raised that MHDT needs a refreshed vision and proposed asking questions such as who is the Redmond Centre for? Omar recommended for Gloria to be involved in conversations with Fin. Roda will inform Simon Donovan that WDCO has welcomed the update provided at the last meeting and there is no need for a presentation at the moment and WDCO would like to see what comes from new role and the changes implemented.

ACTION: The Chair to speak to Gloria on discussing ideas for Redmond Community Centre with Fin.

ACTION: Roda to inform Simon Donovan that there is no need for a presentation at the WDCO Board.

Section 1 - Major Topics

3. Community Art Programme

- 3.1. Roda and the Chair have seen an advanced copy of the tender that will be sent to potential bidders for the Community Art Programme.
- 3.2. The Executives raised concerns on the procedure for the budget and how the £300,000 budget would be allocated and spent, noting that it feels top-heavy as only £20,000 will be allocated to the art/artists. Oonagh proposed speaking to the new Mayor about the budget and how the Section 106 money is allocated to ensure there is more community input.
- 3.3. Omar proposed that the main leverage would be to noting to a politician that the £300,000 is embarrassing and that the community is against the budget allocation art project. Oonagh added that the WhatsApp group commented who will be paying to maintain the art project.
- 3.4. Roda and the Chair drafted a note to Mayor Zoë Garbett and will include Section 106.
- 3.5. The Chair will ask Molly to have monthly meetings with Alistair.

ACITON: WDCO to discuss Community Art Programme, budget allocation and Section 106 with Mayor Zoë Garbett.

ACTION: The Chair to discuss with Molly on arranging monthly meetings with Alistair.

ACTION: WDCO to push back on art project proposals with Mat Jenner and emphasise that the funding is not being utilised.

4. NHG's RA Round Table

- 4.1. The NHG RA Round Table will take place on Saturday 6th June. NHG have requested for WDCO to provide dietary requests and numbers by Monday.
- 4.2. The Chair spoke to Watersreach 41-84 and suggested to send someone to the Roundtable. This has been added to the Phase 3 WhatsApp group. Mina responded that he will try to attend.
- 4.3. Hilary proposed inviting Valentin, who is setting up an RA at Phase 3.
- 4.4. Roda contacted Deji and NHG to circulate invitations to Phase 3 residents from internal list of contacts.

ACTION: WDCO to invite Valentin to NHG's RA Round Table.

5. EMB ToR

- 5.1. The Estate Management Board terms of reference has changed so that the business representative does not have to be elected.

6. WDCO social media

- 6.1. WDCO have made progress on building social media presence with 55 followers on Instagram with plans to hire someone from Woodberry Down to manage social media.
- 6.2. Roda also proposed contacting Hackney Works to see if there is anyone interested in taking the social media role.
- 6.3. The Chair suggested having Board members contribute to social media and blogs such as posting posts and photos.

7. MHDT Board of Trustees

- 7.1. The Chair has discussed with Simon Donovan on question of conflicts of interest as Chair of the Board of Trustees.
- 7.2. The Executives noted that there is no conflict of interest as there are no competing interests and the roles are both volunteer.
- 7.3. The Chair raised that there are only 2 trustees at the moment and for a quorum of 3 and plans to push back against conflict of interest claim.

ACTION: Ameera to send poster for MHDT Board of Trustees to mailing list.

8. Agenda for the AGM

- 8.1. The budget was approved at the April Board and was sent to Hackney.
- 8.2. The Finance Report was shared at the April Board and needs to be adopted.
- 8.3. The annual Chair Report will provide a summary of work across meetings.

ACTION: Roda to send the Chair a summary of updates from the working groups to include in the annual Chair report.

- 8.4. The Returning Officer (Roda) will chair the remaining part of the meeting to hold elections for the Executive Committee.

1. AOB:

- 1.1.** Gita asked for an update on the Age Without Limits event in June. Gita had a conversation with Kamal who is happy to use the space, provided WDCO will subsidise.

ACTION: The Chair will speak to Kamal on funding to subsidise space for Age Without Limits event.

- 1.2.** Omar enquired on the transferring of the cage in Phase 5 and whether the flood lights will be added to the Planning Application. Omar noted that the current pitch has flood lights and wanted to know whether ASB is being factored into the design of the relocation.