

**Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Meeting
with Lancaster West residents**
(Tuesday 16 March)

Attendees

Community representatives

(Bereaved representatives)

Adel Chaoui (Meeting Chair)

Hanan Cherbika

(Survivor

representatives¹)

Mohammed Rasoul

(Lancaster West
representatives)

Andrea Newton

Susan Al-Safadi

Secretariat

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission secretariat

Other (1)

Lancaster West Estate Residents'

Association (LWRA) representative

Meeting purpose

The purpose of these meetings is to update residents on the Commission's work and to provide an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts or concerns and to ask questions.

Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.

Introductions

- The Community representatives introduced themselves, explaining why they are on the Commission and what their role is.

Update of Commission's work

- Community representatives updated on their work over the past month, focusing on their most recent learning from the experiences of other memorials. They updated on what they had learnt from David Davies, chair of the Aberfan Memorial Charity, who spoke at the Commission meeting on 4 March (minutes of which can be found on the Memorial Commission Website [here](#)). Community representatives said it had been particularly helpful to hear about issues of sustainability and maintenance and how the Aberfan Memorial Charity had approached these.

Q&A

- The LWRA representative expressed that it was difficult to suggest ideas for a Grenfell memorial when they had limited experience or knowledge of other memorials (such as Aberfan). The community representatives acknowledged

¹ For the purposes of the Memorial Commission, this refers to former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk.

this and reflected that while the Grenfell tragedy was unique, and any memorial will need to reflect this, it is helpful to look at other memorials to get an understanding of what is possible. All agreed that examples of other memorials would be useful to help prompt ideas from the community and that this should be included on the Commission's website as well.

- Community representatives expressed that it was important to understand the views of all parts of the community – the bereaved families, former residents and those living nearby – about the feel of the memorial, before discussing what shape and form it should have.
- Community representatives expressed the importance of the community feeling they had ownership of the memorial, and the importance of involving future generations, in order to ensure longevity. The LWRA representative suggested the local schools could be involved in maintaining the memorial.
- Secretariat asked those present if they thought any local schools weren't being included in engagement plans. The LWRA representative expressed the need for a balance between far-ranging engagement and more focused engagement with the schools in the more immediate vicinity of the Tower, and that the Commission should seek the views of families on which schools should be included. Secretariat agreed to explore this further with the LWRA representative.
- Community representatives asked the attendee for feedback on their engagement and if they had any advice. They expressed that the current online format might be putting people off and limiting engagement, and that face-to-face events should be offered as soon as possible.
- They expressed that they felt some residents that didn't fall into the bereaved or survivor categories might feel that it wasn't their place to express their opinions on the memorial. Community Representatives expressed the importance of hearing everyone's views.
- Community Representatives asked if publications on public notice boards would be useful and possible. The LWRA representative expressed that they thought that could be useful, but the Commission would need to go through RBKC to get content for notice boards approved. Secretariat agreed to explore this possibility further.

Close

Action: Secretariat to explore option of sharing examples of other memorials.

Action: Secretariat to explore the option of having Memorial Commission content on local notice boards on the LWE estate.

Action: Secretariat to explore the possibility for in person outdoor meetings in the upcoming months.

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22nd April 18:00 – 19:00

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Next meeting with North Kensington Community:

29th April 18:00 – 19:00

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