

**Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Meeting  
with Lancaster West residents**  
(Wednesday 17 February 2021)

**Attendees**

**Memorial Commission**

Michael Lockwood  
(Meeting Chair)

**Community Representatives (8)**

(Bereaved Representatives)	(Survivor Representatives <sup>1</sup> )
Sandra Ruiz	Mohammed Rasoul
Hassan Hassan	

**Secretariat**

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Secretariat (2)

**Other**

Lancaster West Residents' Association (LWRA) Representatives (3)

Residents (0)

**Meeting purpose**

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

**Opening**

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

**Introductions**

- Michael and the Community Representatives introduced themselves. They explained their role on the Commission and that they are keen to engage with all bereaved, survivors, local residents and the wider North Kensington community about a fitting memorial.

**Discussion**

- At the meeting in January, the Community Representatives for Lancaster West agreed to attend a Lancaster West Residents' Association (LWRA) meeting on 18 January. A member of LWRA in attendance asked that they

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

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of these minutes, this refers to local residents in the Lancaster West Estate.

push this back to a later date so that LWRA could allow the representatives more time on the agenda to update LWRA.

- A LWRA representative raised that it was important that the site and future memorial space should be respected as a holy site and that nothing should be done which would impact this.
- The Commission agreed and expressed their gratitude for the member of LWRA for raising this and for their continued vigilance in protecting such an important place for the families and community.

### **Online events feedback and engagement**

- Community Representatives asked attendees whether they felt the online event had been advertised sufficiently and why they thought only three people had attended. LWRA representatives explained that some people may not be aware that these events are in a Q&A format in which open discussion is welcome, but that they might think the events are in a presentation format - reminiscent of previous meetings closer to the time of tragedy. They also explained that some people may feel content that this is in the hands of the Commission, whilst others may feel that engagement is futile.
- The Commission thanked the LWRA representatives for their candour. They explained that while they do work with authorities such as MHCLG and RBKC, they are an independent body. They are only accountable to the bereaved, survivors, local residents and the North Kensington community. LWRA representatives asked that the Commission try to make this very clear to the community.
- The Commission expressed that they are keen for people to engage with them so that the memorial is reflective of the community's views. They do not wish for people to reach the end of this process only to feel that they did not have a voice. Community Representatives noted that no residents had attended the meeting alongside LWRA representatives and expressed that they would strongly encourage residents to attend and asked LWRA representatives to spread word of the meetings. Community Representatives explained they want to be able to engage in a way which suits them best, however, until people engage they will not be able to understand which alternative methods people would like. The Commission asked that attendees encourage others to engage via the monthly meetings.
- LWRA representatives said that ultimately, face-to-face meetings are the best way to engage. The Commission agreed and explained that during February 2020 they had begun this process, however, their efforts were hampered by the pandemic. They explained that they were hopeful they could resume some form of in-person meetings soon.

### **Close**

- Michael explained that the Commission looks forward to engaging in-person soon, but for now would like to ask everyone to encourage people to engage

via Teams online events. The Commission thanked LWRA representatives for attending and said they hoped to see them at another online event soon.

**Action:** Lancaster West Memorial Commission Community Representatives to agree an alternative date to meet with LWRA.

**Action:** Secretariat to update LWRA on the actions from online meetings at a future LWRA meeting.

**To share ideas about the memorial, you can contact our engagement specialists, Kaizen:**

**Phone:** 020 7082 5508

**Email:** [grenfellmemorial@kaizen.org.uk](mailto:grenfellmemorial@kaizen.org.uk)

**Letter to:** Kaizen, 22a Cliff Villas, London, NW1 9AT

**Alternatively, you can contact the Memorial Commission:**

**Phone:** 0303 444 4831

**Email:** [GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk](mailto:GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk)

**Website:** <https://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/>

Contact your **Community Representatives** [here](#)

**Next meeting with Lancaster West Estate Residents:**

16 March 18:00 – 19:00

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