

KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held in the Kenley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 27th April 2010

Present: Chairman – Sheila Morris, Brian Morris, John Davenport, Carole E Streeter, Andy Spencer-Jones, Geoff James, Phil Royse, Chris P J Stanley, Cllr Jan Buttinger, Cllr Steve O'Connell, Cllr Steve Hollands, PC Gareth Storer. 45 members were in attendance.

Apologies: Ian Waite (Vice Chairman), Dominic Shepherd, Janice Greenwood, Alison Taylor, John Haydn.

1. The chair welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the Committee. The Chair explained that unfortunately there were no Council Officials present due to the forthcoming Council Elections. Rules forbid officials sharing a platform with candidates.

2. Guest Speaker: Mr Ian Stupple, Director of Street Services for LBC sent his belated apologies, as he was unable to attend due to the forthcoming Council Elections.

3. Minutes of General Meeting in October 2009 – The Minutes were agreed. Proposed by Mike Street and seconded by Mike Lott.

4. Chairman's Review of the year:

- There have been changes to the Committee but the organisation has functioned well. Thanks were expressed for the efforts of John Payne, Keith Inglis and Roger Sharp, who have left the Committee. Thanks also to Chris Baguley for his help with membership.
- Planning has again been a success with several objections upheld.
- Through the Purley & Kenley Neighbourhood Partnership, support has been given to retain the Purley Pool and stop the proposed development of the A23 corridor.
- The Kenley Safer Neighbourhood Team car has been removed by the Met. We declined to sponsor the provision of a new car on the basis that it should be provided by the Met out of taxes already paid by residents. Phil Royce is still pursuing this issue with the authorities.
- To promote new membership every household was given a free copy of the newsletter last April. However, this did not result in a significant number of new members so it has not been repeated.
- We have sponsored the Kenley Common Funday, and supported the provision of flower baskets on Norfolk Parade. Also £500 was donated for the Memorial Hall new floor
- We shall again be sponsoring the Funday and the Airfield day on 14th August.
- Association Finances have declined due to reducing membership, lower advertising revenues and increasing newsletter costs.
- Our objective for the coming year is to restore the Association finances to a healthy state.

5. Reports from local groups:

- Kenley Airfield Friends Group (Chris Baguley): The RAF were present at KAFG AGM last year. Heritage trail boards are in preparation. The Fence is an eyesore but the RAF are standing fast on their position.
- Kenley Common Funday Group (Mike Rodwell): Thanks were offered for KENDRA's support of the Funday. Approx 4,000 attended last year. Priorities are to keep the event focussed on local organisations and groups. This year's event on 11th

July 2010 will host a Civil War Re-enactment, a reptile display and birds of prey. It was suggested from the floor that the event be advertised through local posters.

- Kenley Airfield Air Day on 14th August 11:00 am to 4:00pm (Mike Street): Details will be published in the next Air Day newsletter. There will be an air display and attractions on the ground. There will be parking restrictions in Hayes Lane but there is free parking on the Airfield and free entry. Brochures are available for £5 on the day. Proceeds will go towards renovating the RAF tribute.

6. Presentation and acceptance of Accounts by Carole Streeter, Kendra Hon Treasurer. The accounts were independently audited with no queries.

- There has been an operating loss this year.
- Subscriptions have fallen due to fewer members and road stewards. Approximately a third of local roads are not currently covered. A suggestion was made to assemble area and road stewards to “rally the troops” to help improve coverage and membership. Most residents are prepared to join the Association when approached face-to-face. A personal letter to residents has produced results.
- Christmas Cards were sent out to thank certain people for their efforts in the year.
- £150 was spent on entertainment. This was felt to be inappropriate by one resident present, who spoke out against the expenditure. The Chair confirmed that this expenditure was previously agreed by the Association as a thank-you gesture for Committee member’s efforts, and for the expenses that they personally incur.
- Advertising revenue has fallen. Efforts are being made to improve revenues. We are in competition with the Kenley & Purley Link, and this limits freedom with how we set advertising rates.
- The Accounts were agreed. Proposed by Chris Baguley and seconded by Patricia Royce

7. Thanks to, and Re-Election of, Independent Examiners: Carl Roche and Dick Martin
Their re-election was agreed. Proposed by Chris Parker and seconded by Chris Baguley.

8. Election of Committee. The Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman:	Sheila Morris
Vice Chairman:	Ian Waite
Hon Secretary:	John Davenport
Hon Minuting Secretary:	Chris Stanley
Hon Membership Secretary:	David Hooper
Hon Planning Officer:	Geoff James
Hon Treasurer:	Carole Streeter
Newsletter Editor:	Brian Morris
Police Liaison:	Phil Royse
Website Co-ordinator:	Andy Spencer Jones
P&KNP:	VACANT, overseen by Brian Morris
FOSCRA:	VACANT, overseen by Geoff James & Brian Morris
Conservation:	VACANT
Health:	VACANT
Social:	VACANT

9. Announcement by Chair of rotation of positions of President and Vice-Presidents:
Councillor Steve O’Connell has kindly agreed to be President for the coming year.

10. Motion, proposed by Brian Morris and seconded by Carole Streeter: that, in accordance with Rule 24c, this meeting agrees the payments of £1990 and £1770 to Litho Techniques for printing the Winter 2009 and Spring 2010 newsletters. This motion was agreed.

11. Discussion points:

- Possible provision of passing places in upper Old Lodge Lane. Led by David Hooper. The road condition has deteriorated and there is no passing place resulting in traffic congestion and at least one accident. S'OC acknowledged that there is an issue and stated that they will meet with a Council Official on-site after the election.
- There was concern expressed at lorries using Hayes Lane, by the airfield and school.
- On proposals for subscription increase in 2011 to £4. Views were expressed that the Newsletter does not need to be "glossy" or as long, or perhaps as frequent. Countering views were also expressed. Particularly that quality is needed to attract new members and advertisers. No consensus was reached on these views. Perhaps more use could be made of email?
- Should Kendra GM minutes be published in the Newsletter in future? The minutes are put on the website. There are members that do not have internet access. And opinions were expressed that paper is easier to read than electronic versions.
- Should Kendra participate in the Amazon Purchases Scheme ? GJ explained that it could raise additional revenue for KENDRA at no extra cost for KENDRA and for purchasers. There was general agreement with this proposal.

12. Q&A Panel, with Cllr Steve O'Connell (LBC & GLA member) and LBC Cllrs Jan Buttinger and Steve Hollands, and PC Storer from the Local Police: The Councillors were under the election restrictions of Purdah, which prevents them being as opinionated as they might have liked.

Q: What is the position re the SNT car sponsorship ?

A: PC Storer: The Met want to see PC's on the beat and walking so there is no car and no sponsorship found. Bicycles and off road motorbikes are used.

Q: What can be done to reduce excessive speed on the local roads?

A: Roger Capham: The successful road watch scheme has stalled due to red tape and a lack of volunteers. More volunteers are needed.

Q: Lower section of Hayes Lane is particularly dangerous, can anything be done to improve safety eg. speed humps?

A: SO'C: There is a Council policy not to introduce speed humps. Other measures have been considered and will be looked at.

Q: Is anything being done to improve the Norfolk Parade/Station Road area?

A: SO'C, JB: The council are keen to support the area and encourage business. However, this is not always under Council control. The parade is cleaned 5 days a week; residential roads are cleaned every 4 weeks.

Q: Valley Road has suffered from vandalism. Has the dispersal order been successful?

A: PC Storer: It has been successful and a renewal is being sought.

Q: Can anything be done about littering and fly tipping eg. in OLL ?

A: SO'C & SH: We can't change peoples' behaviour. There is a financial cost of regular litter picks. Residents do litter picks. Identified fly tipping is quickly dealt with.

Q: There is concern about a development on Park Road. Will this be monitored?

A: SO'C: Council Officers are aware of the development and will be watching.

Q What is the Councillors opinion on the Roke Road planning proposal ?

A: SO'C: Is objecting formally, and KENDRA supports local residents objections.

13. AOB & Close (10:10 pm)