

KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Kenley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26th April 2011

Present: Chairman – Sheila Morris, Ian Waite (Vice Chairman), Brian Morris, John Davenport, Carole E Streeter, Andy Spencer-Jones, David Hooper, Phil Royse, Chris P J Stanley, Cllr Jan Buttinger, Cllr Steve O'Connell, Cllr Steve Hollands, Sgt. Tim Bull, Steve Gayfer – Street Scene. 61 members were in attendance.

Apologies: Michele Lawrence, Geoff James

1. The chair welcomed members to the meeting, representative from other Residents' Associations, and introduced the Committee.

2. Guest Speaker: Kim Unwin, Counter Terrorism Officer gave an outline of the current approach to the threat of terrorism: Pursue – investigative work; Prepare – make the community aware; Protect – patrolling etc.; Prevent – Kim Unwin's role - to help prevent people going into terrorism, and informing communities of the dangers. She then showed a 20 minute video which explored the actions that could have been taken to prevent a fictional bomb blast in a shopping centre. The key messages are for everyone to be vigilant, and to report anything that you feel is suspicious. The authorities will decide what is relevant or not.

3. Minutes of General Meeting in October 2010 – The Minutes were agreed. Proposed by Carl Roche and seconded by Dominic Shepherd.

4. Matters arising:

There was no support for a one-way system at the lower end of Hayes Lane.

5. Chairman's Review of the year:

- KENDRA has supported the Funday, The Airfield day and flower baskets on Norfolk Parade.
- There has been a success in tackling Fly-tipping in OLL, partly due to the vigilance of a KENDRA member.
- Roadwatch is up and running, to help reduce speeding in the area.
- The Purley & Kenley Neighbourhood Partnership has now lost funding due to council cuts. Options for continuing are being considered.
- The Kenley Safer Neighbourhood Team continued its' current work
- There have been some successes in opposing unwanted planning applications eg. in Pondfield Road and Old Lodge lane
- The Association finances have deteriorated. Action has been taken to reduce newsletter printing costs, although fewer advertisers and increased paper costs mean the newsletter is running at a loss. An increase in subscriptions is recommended to stabilise the finances.
- There was a misprint in the newsletter such that the proposed increased in subscriptions should read as a £3 flat rate.
- The Surrey Transport Committee has a vacancy on their Committee, and are seeking a member from Kenley. Could anyone interested please contact John Davenport.

6. Reports from local groups:

- Kenley Airfield Friends Group (Chris Baguley): The Fence is still a matter of concern. The old officer's mess is unoccupied, and is deteriorating - there have been over 40 break-ins. A developer bought it 5 years ago. KAFG has approached English heritage to ask for it to be included on their buildings at risk register. The KAFG AGM is on 29th June.

- Kenley Common Funday Group (Dominic Shepherd): This year's event will be on 10th July 2011.
- Mike Street reported that the Kenley Airfield flypast will be on 26th June 2011. We are expecting the full BoBMF, but timings have not yet been confirmed.

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

- The examined accounts show a slightly higher loss than that published in the newsletter due to an unpaid advertising receipt.
- The newsletter costs include costs for 5 issues, due to costs for the Winter 2009 issue being included in this set of accounts.
- There was also a high level of KENDRA donations during the accounting period.
- Circulating the newsletter by email could reduce newsletter printing costs. However, this would only have a marginal effect and may affect advertising revenues.
- Competitive quotes have been sought for the newsletter printing.
- If the current loss were to be repeated in the coming years, the Association reserves would be exhausted within 2 years.
- The meeting discussed the possibility of raising subs to £5 and not just £3.
- The Accounts were proposed by Keith Inglis and seconded by Nicholas, with a vote of 61 in favour and none against

8. Thanks to, and Election of, Independent Examiners: Carl Roche has stepped down as an I.E. Thanks were expressed for his efforts over the years and he was presented with a bottle of whisky. Louise Turner was unanimously elected as Independent Examiner

9. Election of Committee. The Committee was unanimously re-elected as follows:

Chairman:	Sheila Morris
Vice Chairman:	Ian Waite
Hon Minuting Secretary:	Chris Stanley
Hon Membership Secretary:	David Hooper
Hon Planning Officer:	Geoff James
Hon Treasurer:	Carole Streeter
Hon Secretary:	John Davenport
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

10. The motion to approve the appointment of Louise Turner during 2010-11 was proposed by Willem Buttinger, seconded by Dominic Shepherd and carried unanimously.

11. Motion: Confirm Road Watch Scheme. KENDRA's support is limited to publicising it in the Newsletter. 47 voted in favour – motion carried.

12. Motion: That Rules 9,10,11 and 15 be amended as per Note 4 (page 9 of Newsletter Number 101). The rule changes were discussed and clarified for the membership present. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the changes proposed.

13. Motion: That Rules 24b and 24c be amended as Note 5 (page 9 of Newsletter Number 101). The meeting discussed the motion. However, there was some confusion as to the effect of the proposed rule changes and what the current Rules meant. With this in mind the Chair proposed that this motion be looked at again and held over to another meeting, which was agreed. Chris Baguley explained that 24c was added to the rules as a result of significant expenditure on the Kenley Airfield Tribute.

14. Motion: That the subscription rates are increased to £3 per household and £2 for single occupied house. Note 6 (page 9 of Newsletter Number 101). The Chair first explained to the meeting that the motion had been incorrectly worded in the Newsletter and that the motion was for a £3 flat rate for all households. The meeting accepted this amendment. During discussions some suggested that the subscription be raised to £5, in line with other local RA's. An informal vote was taken on this and the 35 agreed. However, the motion published only reflected a rise to £3, commencing in 2012. Finally, a vote was taken on this motion and passed 55-0 with 1 abstention. SM will put an item in the Newsletter explaining why the rise is needed and the possibility of a further rise in the future.

15. Q&A Panel: Cllr Steve O'Connell (LBC & GLA member), LBC Cllrs. Jan Buttinger and Steve Hollands, Steve Gayfer from LBC Street Scene, and Sgt. Tim Bull from the Local Police. Due to time restrictions SG took his questions at the start of the meeting.

Q: What is the progress on the Purley recycling site?

A: SG will report back on this. It is hoped that the Purley Oaks site will be expanded

Q: Where to report missed rubbish collections?

A: SG: Report this directly to the council on the day.

Q: Can Orange Juice cartons – Tetra Paks - be put in recycling boxes

A: SG: No facilities at present

Q: What are responsibilities of street scene?

A: SG: Highways maintenance, refuse collection, recycling, & other issues with highways.

Q: Can the Council use rehabilitation of Criminals?

A: LBC do use criminals serving community service sentences for litter picking and clean-ups

Q: What can be done about vegetation encroaching on pavements?

A: SG: Street scene officers have powers under the Highways Act to take action on enforcement.

Q: Parking tickets were issued during the winter weather, even where cars were forced to park illegally due to ice & snow blockages?

A: SG: This is not to do with Street Scene – please refer to parking services.

Q. Does KENDRA support the “Kenley Needs a Crossing” campaign ?

A. SM: Yes, and we have given some sponsorship as well. Lynn Stanley from the KNAC group thanked the Councillors and KENDRA for their support.

Q. Is KENDRA objecting to the development at 94/92 Higher Drive, and what are the Councillors doing ?

A. SM: Yes we are opposed to this over development, and have objected. SO'C will be objecting at the planning meeting coming up.

Q. What is the current situation on the Purley Fire Station closure and rebuilding?

A. SO'C: The Mayor has given assurances to limit the duration of the closure to as short a time as possible. Fire tenders will be stationed locally during the works and coverage will continue to be provided to the local community.

Q. Last October Croydon Reports claimed that we were well prepared for snow. What happened?

A. SH: Croydon had good stocks of Salt/Grit and didn't give any away to other Councils. The major routes were cleared regularly as a priority. SO'C: Salt stocks were managed to ensure coverage throughout the winter. But lessons can be learned from this unprecedented level of snowfall.

A vote of thanks was given to the Councillors and Committee for their time given to Kenley & KENDRA.

16. AOB & Close (10:10 pm)