

# **KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## ***MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

**Kenley Memorial Hall, 25 April 2017, 7:45pm**

Present: Chair – Chris Stanley (Treasurer), Anthony Lewis, John Davenport, Geoff James, Mike van der Vord, Tony Avery. Councillors: Jan Buttinger, Steve O'Connell.

In attendance 60 members, plus 3 visitors, consequently the meeting was quorate.

**1. Chairman's welcome, apologies for absence:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, advised attendees to be note where Fire Exits were in case of need and reminded the audience that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of doing minutes. Apologies were received from Mr/s Robert Elliot, Jane Highfield and Councillor Steve Hollands. The agenda is given in the latest Kendra magazine but the running order is changeable as the Police representative has to leave early.

**2. Guest Speakers – Pete Smith, Head of Development Management, LBC  
Ross Gentry, Head of Planning for LBC Southern Area**

PS has been in his role for 3 years, RG 10 years – he has 3 Deputies, supported by 3 Planning Officers and Agency staff, as required, to service Planning Applications. In addition the Southern Area has 2 Enforcement Officers. Overall Planning (both North and South Areas) deal with 6,000 applications, 230 Appeals and 650 Enforcement Notices a year. Combined they are working on 850 cases at any one time, each officer on a 25-45 caseload.

This was a two pronged approach to explain to the meeting the workings of the LBC Planning Department and their interaction with the community to move their working practices forward, e.g. the new [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) Planning Register was now operational, and the Old Register would be switched off.

A recent Government White Paper put the emphasis on their roles to being popular and communicative with applicants/residents. Planning application routines can be so frustrating – they have to be a 'friendly' and accessible 'named contact' in the process. Only immediate neighbours will now be advised of new plans, no longer will lamp post notifications be used; smart phone links to office phones will make speaking with the officer easier.

Pre-application meetings between an applicant, his neighbours, a developer and LBC are now encouraged so that everyone can be made aware of what is proposed, e.g. type/non-starter/green belt /infill/materials to be considered. It's easier to have people on side rather than complete opposition to a project. The team welcome objections to Planning Applications, they are used to evaluate the proposal, but any planning decisions for which they are accountable must be given in accordance with the National Plan, rather than what looks right in the community. Historical records are retained so that can be inspected at any time in the future.

Enforcement of applications rely on resident groups and neighbours to police actual building works when officers will be re-active to issues raised. Any complaints can be communicated anonymously but the team are keen to let that person know their findings so it's better to tell them who you are or go through a residents' group, e.g. Kendra.

Other issues covered, through Q and A, included Purley Skyscraper, Reedham Swimming Pool, Development Levy re Infrastructure needed for new developments, Tree Preservation Orders, Telephone Masts (Hayes Lane) and Sustainable Development.

CS thanked both speakers, and suggested that an evening for such a topic is not long enough!

Note: CS commented that developer for Little Hayes Nursing Home is holding a Public Meeting at KMH tomorrow to display plans and PS/RG were invited. They could not attend, but said they would like feedback.

**3. Minutes of KENDRA GM, October 2016:**

The Chair explained that minutes had been recently posted to be Kendra website and hard copies were on chairs in the room. They had been reviewed and happy to accept them as an accurate record.

**4. Matters Arising:**

The only item, and the main focus of that meeting was the discussion about the Croydon Local Plan including Kenley Intensification Zone (KIZ). Both Kendra's and individual residents' considerations/

objections had been submitted, the Council had issued their findings for a Planning Inspector to convene a Public Examination Meeting – scheduled for May – to review and determine the way forward. This will allow representation from groups (e.g. GJ and SO’C for Kendra).

#### 5. **Review of the Year:**

The Chair thanked his fellow Committee members for all their efforts during the course of the year, in their respective areas of expertise. However he re-stated that more Committee members were needed to ensure we can continue to serve the area as we wish to.

#### **Association Matters:**

- (i) The Chair commented that this seemed to have been a year of Consultations – defined as ‘To ask opinions’, whether they are generated nationally or locally, and including:
  - 20 Mph Limit; KIZ; Welcomes Road/Valley Road Flooding;
  - A22 Godstone Road – Red lines and Parking;
  - Parliamentary Boundary Changes (we will lose Purley, but ‘gain’ by New Addington)
  - Local Ward Boundaries (slight reduction in size and likely to be only 2 Councillors)
- (ii) Litter picks will be happening throughout the Summer – see future magazine and posters that will advertise the dates, a resident is keen to take up the baton to keep Kenley Clean in conjunction with LBC ‘Don’t Mess with Croydon’ campaign.
- (iii) Social Media – The committee would like someone to run a Facebook page, and edit the Website so that we can communicate effectively with our membership.
- (iv) We also need more Road Stewards and Area Stewards to service our area. The Chair thanked all Road Stewards, particularly the many who were at the meeting.

#### **Newsletter/Magazine:**

- (v) We now have a solid team in place, and thanks are due to Tony Heal, Tony Avery, and Simon Lewsey for their continuing excellent work over the last few issues.

#### **Area Issues:**

- (vi) The Association has taken part in the Heritage Day by having a stall at the event.
- (vii) The Minor Injuries Unit at Purley Hospital now opens from 8am – 8pm with a more comprehensive range of services but use it or lose it! – See Section 15 below
- (viii) Fly tipping is an ever-present problem in the area. Purley Oaks Recycling Centre is now issuing Residents’ Permits to allow quicker access/less parking hold-up issues when you have to queue to drop off your Domestic/Garden waste.

#### 6. **Crime - An Overview by Police Sergeant Glen Williams**

Introduced himself as the newly installed Sergeant for Kenley (he also manages Purley, Coulsdon East and West Wards) and informed the meeting that the Kenley Ward now have a full complement of staff – 2 PCs and 1 PCSO. They are keen to have community engagement to help them do their jobs; they will link with other agencies as required (A recent ‘out of hours’ warrant allowed them to remove Cannabis Plants from a Godstone Road property) and the Council – e.g, Fly tipping or excessive Noise issues.

Contact with the public is also helped through Social Media activity – use of Twitter and Facebook, new Smart phones and **dialling 101 for non urgent calls** and only 999 for urgent cases. When received, these calls will be prioritised as to their severity and impact of any surrounding issues and events.

In a brief Q and A session he commented on recent aggravated burglaries (jewellery thefts), the planned 20 mph Speed limit, support for the SNW and Roadwatch teams, Smart Water Packs (available from Neighbour Watch) to protect individuals’ property, but confirmed their focus is crime prevention and being able to keep to the reported current low levels of crime we experience. “If we don’t know about it, we can’t do anything about it”, but there may be a pattern – so report it!

#### 7. **Reports from Local Groups:**

- (i) Alan Morgan was pleased to report that the planned restoration works had now started at the Airfield following completion of the preliminary investigations and getting everything in place. The initial effort is to move the RAF Tribute monument slightly forward to allow the Blast Pen immediately behind to be restored. This will be followed by works to the other Blast Pens, the Rifle Range and the Fuel Dump. There will be three events at the airfield this year: A Learning Festival in June, and Archaeological Dig in July and the Heritage Day on 10

September, which will use much more of the airfield than previously. Volunteers were still welcome to join in and more details can be found on [www.kenleyrevival.org](http://www.kenleyrevival.org)

New advisory warning signs have been erected to prevent trespassing onto the airfield. The area inside the yellow lines is MOD property and, for their own safety, no members of the public should try to walk across that area particularly when gliding activities are in operation.

- (ii) Mike Street stated 2017 is a special year as the Airfield celebrates its centenary. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will be Sunday 20 August. He mentioned that since their inception in 1967 these flypasts had been given free, but there would be a charge from 2018 and he would be looking for sponsorship.
- (iii) CS advised that he had given a notice from Carl Roche that Friends of Foxley were holding an Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May at Foxley Woods. There will be various events and displays in evidence to celebrate their 25 years existence and everyone would be welcome to attend

**8. Treasurer - Presentation and acceptance of Accounts:**

- (i) CS stated that abbreviated accounts were published in the newsletter, and the detailed set posted to the Kendra website so will not need to explain further activity. Membership and subscriptions remain relatively constant, but our advertising revenue has improved. Overall the Association remains profitable and funds are available for any projects that could improve Kenley.
- (ii) The Kendra magazine is now on a sound footing with advertising revenue allowing the publication to be self-funding after a number of years of deficit.
- (iii) Acceptance of the accounts were proposed and seconded from the floor and approved *nem con.*

**9. Thanks to, and Election of, Independent Examiner:**

Thanks were offered to Louise Turner for independently examining the accounts for 2016, and for agreeing to continue for the current year. Re-appointment approved *nem con.*

**10. Election of Committee:**

The Chair read out the list of nominations for the Committee:

Chairman:	VACANT
Vice Chairman:	VACANT
Hon Secretary:	VACANT
Hon Minuting Secretary:	Tony Heal (temporarily)
Hon Membership Secretary:	John Davenport
Hon Planning Officer:	Geoff James
Hon Treasurer:	Chris Stanley
Newsletter Editor:	Tony Heal
Police Liaison:	Anthony Lewis
Website Co-ordinator:	VACANT
Transport:	VACANT
Conservation:	Mike van der Vord
Health:	VACANT
Social:	VACANT
Committee member:	Tony Avery.

None of the Committee posts are contested, so no election is necessary. Approved *nem con.*

The Chair informed the meeting that, by rotation, the Association President for the year was to be Cllr Steve Hollands.

**11. Motion: "KENDRA basic subscription to be maintained at £3 per household for 2018":**

The Committee recommended that the subscription remain at the current level of £3.00 per household. There were no questions on this issue and the motion was carried *nem con.*

**12. Motion "That the Expenditure limit should be £1,500":**

The Chair explained that the expenditure limit is the amount that the Committee can authorise expenditure for, without getting prior approval from the membership. The limit was set at £1,500 to

allow the Committee to authorise expenditure for the magazine. There were no questions and the motion was carried *nem con*.

**13. Motion ‘To produce the Kendra Magazine’ Rule 9.4 of the Kendra Constitution:**

The Chair advised the the Committee needed delegated authority to continue to produce the Kendra Magazine until the next AGM with anticipated 4 editions and expenditure of approximately £4,000 which may be with one supplier. Carried *nem con*.

**14. Q&A Panel, with Cllr Steve O'Connell (LBC & GLA member) and LBC Cllrs Jan Buttinger:  
Q. A22 (from Purley to Whyteleafe) Use of Red lines and Parking Issue Consultation to aid flow of traffic?**

A. SO'C: TfL need a period of time to consult with residents to progress this issue. The impending General Election means this review has to wait until after the General Election but it will go ahead and everyone will have a chance to have a say. Particular issues are sight lines coming out of Station Road and Waterbourne Way and speeding traffic.

**Q. What about the planned Westfield Development in Croydon?**

A. SO'C: although plans are still be revised and have to be passed by the Council, SO'C believes that this development will go ahead –anticipated completion 2021

**Q. Why has there been land clearance works by OLL Reedham Bridge?**

A. SO'C: I believe this to be Network Rail Land. Will take this up with them.

**Q. Hayes Lane, bottom section – could priority signs be used to limit/restrict have to meet going/comingdown.**

A. CS advised when a One-Way review was held two/three years ago, it was found that drivers do not have the sight-line to stop before they will have passed such a sign, if they were installed.

**Q. What can be done about the potholes in Park Road and hayes lane ?**

A. JB: Pothole repair is not as good as it used to be but residents are encouraged to report potholes to LBC. The Council appear to be now more re-active rather than pro-active, so if you have an issue report it.

**15. AOB:**

Floor: One attendee was very complimentary about the treatment he had received from Croydon University Hospital, and the staff involved in his care.

CS announced that the Croydon Clinical Commission has determined that Purley Memorial Hospital was now one of three GP Hub Centres in the borough. Referral appointments were expected, but you could walk in to be seen.

**Meeting Close: 9.51pm.**