

KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Kenley Memorial Hall, 11 October 2016, 7:45pm

Present: Chair – Chris Stanley (Vice Chairman), Anthony Lewis, John Davenport, Geoff James, Tony Avery, Tony Heal. Councillors: Steve O'Connell, Steve Hollands, Jan Buttinger.

In attendance 70+ members and visitors; the meeting was quorate.

1. Chairman's welcome, apologies for absence:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, gave an outline of the meeting and reminded the audience that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of doing minutes. Apologies were received from Mike van der Vord.

2. Minutes of KENDRA AGM, April 2016:

The Chair explained that the minutes had been posted to the Kendra website and available to all.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Kendra administration – committee changes and notices:

The Chair thanked his fellow Committee members for all their efforts during the course of the year, particularly the Newsletter/Magazine Team (Tony Heal, Tony Avery and Simon Lewsey); this is now almost self financing from the increased advertising it. Geoff James was thanked for his work on Planning, and his involved efforts on the Kenley Intensification Zone (KIZ) and the volunteers who had distributed leaflets to publicise this immediate issue.

Association Matters:

- (i) The Chair informed the meeting that the committee has made considerable efforts to attract new members and new committee members, but none of the initiatives adopted had yet had the desired effect. Current situations vacant include Chairman, Transport, Website plus other Community responsibilities, e.g. Healthcare
- (ii) For maintaining a buoyant membership – as numbers have declined – we urgently need more Road and Area Stewards. The Chair thanked all Road Stewards, particularly the many who were at the meeting.

Area Issues/Events:

- (iii) St James Road Closure 22nd – 30 October for essential Gas works
- (iv) Flood Strategy Report – Welcomes Road/Kenley Lane. Public Meeting on 1st November at KMH between 4pm to 8pm
- (v) Cutting down of trees on Riddlesdown beside A22. This is for safety reasons, not development
- (vi) Old Lodge Lane Bridge works not completed last Christmas now re-scheduled for 21 November to 9 January 2017. Public Meeting on 19 Oct at St Nicholas School, Purley 18.30
- (vii) Fly tipping incident reported in Foxley Road. Everyone needs to be vigilant to this ever-present problem in the area.

5. Reports from Local Groups:

- (i) Alan Morgan of Kenley Airfield Friends Group gave a brief update on the Kenley Revival Project. Paid personnel - a Project Manager and an Education Officer- have been appointed and in addition local volunteers are now in place to help move the Revival Project forward.
- (ii) Mike Street stated that the Remembrance Sunday Tribute will be held on 13 November at the Memorial, Kenley Airfield at 1.30pm.

6. Planning – Croydon Local Plan including Kenley Intensification Plan (KIZ)

The well attended meeting was given an overview of the KIZ by Geoff James, Kendra Planning Officer. so residents would be able to submit their own informed concerns for/objection against the plan.

He had reviewed the plan in detail and created a template letter for both Kendra and individual members/residents to be able to submit their own comments and observations. The plan suggested the given KIZ area where there are currently 300 homes would increase to 1200-1500 homes over life of the 20 + year plan. He explained that we (Kendra and residents) effectively had three options to determine whether we would want such a plan adopted. These are:

1. Re-define the plan and request a re-work
2. Reject part of the plan
3. Approve the plan

Another prime view from this proposal is that the KIZ should not have a detrimental effect to the character of the area. The current trees scapes/rural vistas you get when overlooking Kenley from Riddlesdown would be replaced by buildings/roofs.

Among the considerations are:

1. Lack of care in presentation – Document difficult to understand/misrepresentation of area covered – assumes we're the same as Purley, we're not.
2. Assumes high level of Public Transport exists (we're level 2, Purley level 4)
3. Suggests we have a full commercial/community infrastructure (we don't, Purley does)
4. Schooling – Primaries – Yes; Secondaries – No.
5. Flood zones – Plans for Supermarket/Care Home at rear of former Police Station rejected
6. Healthcare – Surgery/Chemists can the service cope/expand perhaps
7. Lack of parking (e.g. proposed new Purley skyscraper 230 homes 38 parking spaces) and in Kenley several existing roads/lanes too narrow for two-way traffic.
8. New builds to be minimum three storeys

He explained that any submission needed specific issues to be addressed, not a general objection, nor suggest it has to be moved elsewhere. It was apparent from the strength of opinion in the meeting, that no-one wanted what appears to be planned for Kenley.

So the action plan must be to tell your neighbours as the more submissions the better our case for the plan to be re-defined. Attendees to the meeting could sign copies of the Kendra template letter GJ had prepared – with their own address, and Kendra would post them. However, any other action was required that week.

He also commented there will be a public examination of the plan in due course and GJ hopes to be able to address that meeting along with Steve O'Connell (as local councillor and GLA member) to present our case.

7. Q&A Panel, with Cllr Steve O'Connell (LBC & GLA member), LBC Cllrs Jan Buttinger and Steve Hollands,

Q. Police presence in Kenley?

SOC informed the meeting Kenley needed more police presence. The current allotted Police Officer had been off sick for four months but he is taking this up with senior Police officers, as they should be able to give a good account of themselves.

Q. Concern about access to A22 from Station Road and Waterbourne Road?

A. SOC explained TfL would be undertaking a review of parking restrictions along A22. If parking could be moved back (towards Whyteleafe) sight lines would be improved. (Review will also include St James Road junction.)

Q. New Green Waste collection scheme dates ?

A. Concern expressed that the Green waste collection stops this month and only returns in April 2017. Local RAs have written to Council

Meeting Close: 9.50pm.