

Minutes of 617th Meeting of the Kenley & District Residents' Association held at Kenley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Paul Keating (PK) – Acting Chair; Tony Heal (TH); Simon Brew (SB); Tony Avery (TA); Stella Stocker (SS); Linda Richman (LR).

Apologies: Geoff James; Coral Carroll

Visitors: Susan Cotton(SC); Dave Monday); Mike Van de Vord (MVV)

Councillor: Gayle Gander (GG)

617	PK welcomed everyone and introduced Robert Varney from Tfl.	Action
617.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (10.3.2026) The minutes having been circulated were agreed and signed. There were no matters that would not be discussed later in meeting.</p>	
617.2.1	<p>PK said that Robert Varney would have this part of the meeting so that he didn't have to sit through all the business to be discussed. Robert Varney gave an overview of his job within Tfl and said he was responsible for two councils Croydon & Bromley and shareholders. Any queries it would be easier to go through him and cut out bureaucracy. Tfl looks after the Tubes, buses, trains, Dial-a-Ride, Super loop, 9,000 traffic lights, road gulleys, bus shelters and roadside furniture. Supports the Mayor on London Strategy, Vision Zero and Healthy Streets. Robert talks to businesses, schools, franchises and tram networks. In answer to the questions PK had asked him previously he replied:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speeding – there was a Speed Order done in early 2025 and it was found average speed was 29/30 m.p.h. On Godstone Road there were 10 slight collisions and 2 less serious. So nothing more needs to be done. SC asked about speed cameras – RV replied in 2017 a massive review was done on speed cameras. PK spoke about speed of traffic approaching zebra crossing and accelerations after crossing. 2. Parking on Pavement on Norfolk Terrace and at parade at bottom of St James'. RV replied there have been 3 enforcement actions given. GG asked about a reporting channel – RV suggested Street Care, she asked if they are pro-active in writing to car owners. He said they are trying to secure funding to help with this. 3. RV said on question of buses 439 and 434 having timetable extended to midnight, they check times of buses and number of passengers and at the moment service seems adequate and no need to extend to midnight. Since Covid there had been a 30% drop in bus passengers across London. There are already extra buses and peak times. The Government subsidises buses to keep costs down as they have run at a loss for years. 4. Litter on A22 – it would take quite a bit of funding to clear the litter of the downs side of Kenley. 	
617.2.2	<p>PK thanked RV for his time and hoped that he would come back and discuss more issues in the future. LBC – Update from GG GG reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the playground in Lower Roke is good and everyone happy with it. • 20th April the outdoor gym to be installed in Higher Driver Rec. • Footbridges are having vegetation cut back • 2 extra peak trains, morning and evening have been put into December timetable but at the moment there is a lack of rolling stock. <p>Police – Next Ward panel meeting to be held on 11th May.</p>	
617.3	<p>KENDA Admin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resolution of finalising the Kendra Constitution as per April 2025 AGM to include additional signatories to Kendra Bank Account. b. AGM Tuesday 28th April KMH – Committee to arrive 6.30 p.m. Drinks and PA System – SB to organise drinks for 7 p.m. and nibbles. 	ALL

	<p>SB and PK to organise PA system. Sgt Gates – will hopefully be attending. Jason Perry also attending. Printing of Accounts/Autumn minutes. Make sure everyone signs in .</p> <p>c. PK proposed that Susan Cotton be co-opted onto the KENDRA Committee. All agreed.</p> <p>d. Vacancy – Committee vacancy on ESTC – Charlie King is chairman. Meetings are quarterly and discuss all aspects of travel.</p>	<p>SB/PK</p> <p>TH LR ALL</p>
617.3.3	<p>Noticeboards TA said that they are advertising the AGM after which they will be giving dates of Councillors surgeries.</p>	TA
617.3.4	<p>Weekly Newsletter SB thought that the Newsletter should give more general views on subjects rather than just GJ' views. SC suggested that unless there was some really important issue why not do them twice a month. PK to suggest to GJ. Publicity – PK & TA had designed a post card for Royal Mail delivery. 3,800 had been distributed at a cost of £390 + printing. It is hoped that this distribution would help to encourage more members.</p>	PK
617.3.5	<p>KENDRA magazine Magazines distributed to Road Stewards along with letter for expired members dues. There were 102 outstanding there are now 80. Next issue will be June. SC asked about Road Stewards as a couple retiring. We need more RSs said PK, this could be highlighted at AGM. Next issue out in June.</p>	<p>TH/TA/PK</p> <p>PK</p>
617.3.5	<p>Other Local Issues GG said nothing more</p>	
617.3.6	<p>Litter Picks PK said there was a poor turnout on 12th April. Future dates are 10th May and & 7th June.</p>	
617.3.7	<p>Wattenden Pond PK said that Scouts will be helping at the pond but are busy at the moment. We will have to start putting some plants in.</p>	PK/LR
617.4	<p>Committee Reports Treasurer – Monthly report by SB on email. Need PK and LR to get on to bank account. SB said sadly he would have to relinquish his position as Treasurer at the end of the year due to further commitments. May be idea to announce at AGM we are looking for new Treasurer. Membership – GJ had a report on email. Planning – nothing to report in GJ's absence</p>	<p>PK/LR</p> <p>SB</p>
617.5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kenley Hotel – PK explained ACV (Accountable Community Value) which would mean the building would come under our wing. 21 signatories are needed for this. PK Proposed to the Committee we have ACV for the Kenley Hotel. This was agreed by all. • PK said it would cost £1276 for the Hanging Baskets on Norfolk Parade. He suggested ½ paid by KENDRA and ½ paid by shopkeepers at £80 a shop. • Missing Bin – The large bin which had been missing from Parade is now back. Fly tipping on corner – Leave it to investigative team. • Gas cylinders – Where do we get rid of them – GG said she would try and find out as Purley Oaks Recycling will not take them. • KMH Donation – TA said Thank You for donation it is being decided by KMH what it the most needed item. It has been found that as St Barnabas has closed there are chairs available, not clear what condition. • PK said Fareita Udoh wrote an article in the magazine will hopefully attend our next meeting with ideas for KENDRA. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>GG</p>
617.6	<p>Next Meeting Next Committee Meeting at KMH will be Tuesday 12th May. AGM 28th</p>	ALL

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