**MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING OF THE**

**KENLEY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION**

**22ND OCTOBER 2019, HELD AT KENLEY MEMORIAL HALL, GODSTONE ROAD, KENLEY**

**Present**: Some 25 members including 2 Councillors and 11 Committee members.

**Kenley Community Project**: Lucy Webb and Juliet Stevenson, Regeneration Manager

**Apologies**: Committee Members: CC, MVV and members Brian & Sheila Moss

2019A.1 The evening began with a short reception for members with wine and soft drinks

 on offer. Chairman, Christine Heal took the chair and welcomed everyone.

2019A.2 **Minutes of the May Annual General Meeting** these had been circulated to the

 Members in the hall and on the website.

2019A.3 There were no matters arising.

2019A.4 **Two Main Speakers – Local Police and KCP**

 Christine Heal introduced PC Scott Walker who covers Kenley and works out of

 New Addington

1. **PC Scott Walker** said that there had been an increase over a couple of nights of theft from vehicles but the thieves seemed to have moved on. Make sure cars are locked. House burglaries – thieves are caught by DNA and CCTV. Make sure doors and windows are locked, house alarms are on. CCTV helps but do not point camera’s towards neightbours houses. If you see someone acting suspiciously call the police, covering Kenley 3 PV and 1 PCCO. Cyber Crime – if someone phones and you do not feel comfortable do not follow instructions. Change passwords regularly.
2. **Kenley Community Project** – Lucy Webb gave an update with Juliette Stevenson.

They had spoken to about 700 residents about what they value most about Kenley, including its surrounding green areas. There are concerns about the impact of housing developments especially on parking and road safety. Priorities include improving access to community facilities, ensuring there are activities for young people and providing support for elderly residents. Investment in needed to improve the streets and shops. There are several stages – stage 1 –Apply for money from GLA. Stage 2 – mid December find out if bid is successful. The plan is on the Council’s website for 6 weeks, and hoping to publish final Plan early in 2020. Steve O’Connell said we need a scheduled bus service to cover residents in the upper parts of Kenley.

The question of flooding outside Kenley Station was raised to KCP – need additional gulleys for extra water storage. If funds become available the problem may be looked at, WUWA said that storing more water in upper Welcomes Road is not going to alleviate the problem.

2019A.5a **DEMOC**

Geoff James spoke about the campaign to democratically elect a Mayor of Croydon. Geoff said that a petition for residents to sign is being circulated through letterboxes. We want Croydon Council to listen to all its residents. 14,000 signatures will force the Council to hold a referendum.

5b At the AGM there will be a vote for a Constitutional change to Kendra. To become an **Organisation Limited by Guarantee**. Geoff James explained this to members.

5c **Green Spaces** – there is a need to encourage residents to apply for green space protection. Members can pick a green space and put forward a good case for how the space are being used.

2019A.6 **Q & A Session with Local Councillors**

Steve O’Connell spoke about the possible building on green belt areas in Selsdon, Riddlesdown and Purley Way. You can only build on Green Belt in special circumstances.

There is to be a ward meeting in a few weeks to discuss timetable to run bus to top of Kenley.

David Hooper asked about flytiping becoming a social nightmare. Need a visible police presence to deter this happening or CCTV cameras.

Worrying signs of Intensification Zones south of the borough were discussed.

2019A.7 **Any Other Business**

MVV had sent a report which mentioned that despite heavy rainfall the Pond has appeared to sprung a leak. The liner is supposed to self-heal when penetrated. There is approximately 300-400mm of topsoil on top of the liner. To replace would be costly. All the aquatic plants would need to be dug up. This would be costly and would need another recruitment of extra volunteers.

A member asked about the safety of everyone walking to Airfield with speeding cars. Pavements would encroach on private property could speed bumps be brought back from Pondfield to Airfield.

CH asked if anyone would like to sign DEMOC petition this evening.

Remembrance Sunday parade at the RAF Kenley Tribute on Sunday 10th November at 1.30 p.m.

If any new members are at meeting please see John Davenport if you would like to join KENDRA.

Meeting closed at 21.45