**Minutes of 586th Kenley & District Residents’ Association Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at Kenley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present: Christine Heal (CH); Tony Heal (TH); Geoff James (GJ); Linda Richman (LR) and Paul Keating (PK) by phone.**

**Councillor: Ola Kolade (OK)**

**Apologies: Angela Morrison (AM); Conor Campion (CC); John Davenport (JD) Tony Avery (TA).**

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| **586** | **CH Welcomed the four Committee Members and PK on the phone. It was just a quorum.** |  |
| **586.1** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting (14/02/2023**  The minutes having been circulated were agreed and signed |  |
| **586.2** | **LBC**  OK reported **Catalytic converter:** The local police have organised a Free Catalytic Converter Marking Day. We’ve been trying to organise this for a while, the team now has someone trained to do this. This will take place at Tesco Extra Purley (Brighton Road), Wednesday 29th March 2023 between 12 noon and 3pm. Officers will be in the car park area where you can approach and request your catalytic converter to be marked for Free (Drivers are asked to bring a valid driving licence with them).  **Council tax:** Croydon Council set its budget for the next financial year on the 8th of March. The Executive Mayor’s proposals were approved at Full Council. Full council approved a 14.99% increase in council tax as part of the 23/24 budget, without this increase, the council would have needed to make an additional £20m in cuts on top of the £36m already included in the budget. The council is negotiating with the government on a deal to write off the £1.6n toxic debt currently hampering its recovery and ability to function properly.  **Penn & Kroll Reports:** Following the publication of the [Penn report](about:blank) on the 24 February, The Executive Mayor and members of the Council’s Appointments and Disciplinary Committee will meet on the 23rd March to receive the Kroll investigation report (into potential fraud during the Fairfield Halls refurbishment), and to make a decision on referring former councillors and officers to the police and their professional bodies and consider whether legal action can be taken to recover the financial settlement paid to former chief executive, Jo Negrini.  **Kenley Ward Panel**  The next Kenley Safer Neighbourhood Team Ward Panel will take place on the 18th of April, 6.30pm at Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church. This is an opportunity for residents to meet with the Police and discuss progress against our ward priorities; Violence against the person with particular attention to domestic abuse and violence, burglaries and vehicle crime.  **Borough of Culture :**The launch of Croydon as the Borough of Culture happened earlier this week. There are a [wide range of events for residents](about:blank) to connect with, Kenley is currently the only ward without an earmarked activity, council officers are keen to discuss with community groups on how we can get something going in Kenley. CHsaid she’ll speak with Elizabeth (KMH) and Claire (Hayes Primary) about this.  **Flood Alleviation:** The work should be finished by now, they have to put seat back and planters, Council will not maintain, we could talk to neighbours to see if they could water plants. This has been done with funds from Kenley Good Growth Fund. KENDRA to write to Council.  **Drainage Godstone Road/Hayes Lane:** Start work 13th March to replace drains at bad flood point 24th-26th Resurfacing work to be done.  Monday OK did walkabout with Road Engineer, GJ also walked to top of Kenley Lane and down track, with no pavements road not good for traffic calming as not wide enough. Possible zebra crossing outside Bairstow Eves in Hayes Lane.  Wed of same week, CH, GH, GG and Alan Morgan walked with Road Engineer from the station the full length of Hayes Lane to Airfield, to assess the main pedestrian safety concerns (early narrow part + latter section with no pavements).  **Extension of ULEZ**: GJ mentioned that there will be a lot of pollution with residents using back roads to get to Croydon from Wapps Lodge Roundabout to Purley. | **CH**  **CH** |
| **586.3.1** | **KENDRA Admin**  (a)**AGM: Tuesday 25th April 2023** to be held in KMH. Speakers confirmed attendance are Neil Garrett (GLA); Jason Cummings (LBC Cabinet, Member of Finance) and 2 of Police Team.  PK agreed to sort out sound system and roving mike already ordered.  TA to sort out screen. Recorder – LR. TH – to organise glasses & wine. Mention to Tracey at Wattenden re Defribulator  (b) New Committee Members: TH to revamp leaflet from years ago about needing new members. CH asking Committee to send a photo and write up to go into magazine | **PK,TA,LR,TH**  **CH**  **CH/ALL** |
| **586.3.2** | **Noticeboards –** In the absence of TA no report |  |
| **586.3.3** | **Kendra Magazine –** TH said it was in production and Simon hoping to start next weekend. TA sending ads through. 21 days of AGM already given in previous magazine. Difficult to have discussion regarding future numbers of issues but those at meeting agreed 3 issues a year would be good, March is critical for AGM, issue late August/September giving notice of Autumn General Meeting and third issue just before Christmas. It was agreed to ask at AGM. | **ALL** |
| **586.3.4** | **Other Local Issues –**  **KMH garden –** TA was to ask KMH. Report next time.  **ESTC Meeting 8th March – Items discussed**   1. **OLL Bridge –** OK said by request of residents the impending closure for immediate repairs will be done overnight. Not sure what noise levels will be. 2. **Closure of A22** – due to be closed from Purley Shell Garage to Whyteleafe except 407 bus for six weeks in school Summer Hols. This is to sort out drainage work. 3. **Whyteleafe Food Bank –** run by Deano Cline. 40+ Kenley Residents apparently attend. | **TA** |
| **586.3.5** | **Litter Pick –** PK said one due beginning of April | **PK** |
| **586.3.6** | **Wattenden Pond –** CH said she hoped they could have a working party of 1st April. PK said would be good idea to try and clear grass in pond. Get some idea on what plants are needed. | **CH/TH/PK** |
| **586.4** | **Committee Reports:**   1. **Treasurer –** AM had updated accounts to go in magazine. There is storage space in KMH to store Kendra Financial records as TA had spoken to Lauren. 2. **Membership Nos.** JD sent listings of numbers of members and printed magazine numbers distributed. 3. **Planning:** GJ reported that Developers seem to be backing off with SP2 removed which adds risk to developer. Planning Committee more supportive of residents. Croydon Council have new draft plan for Kenley FIZ being removed from Kenley Plan. 2-4 Kenley Lane has gone to appeal.   There has been a public Consultation update regarding 88 residential high quality homes on land at Kenley Campus, Victor Beamish Avenue. GJ said could tip balance of traffic. | **TA/AM**  **JD** |
| **586.5** | **Any Other Business**  CH reported that Mike McConnell had found a new Road Steward for his area. He is still very keen for KENDRA to get involved in Care Homes.  TH had received email from Jane Highfield re London Green Belt meeting on zoom on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. “Saving Green Belt”.  Trinity Developers Appeals Inspector, GJ’s wife called tree man to 13 Abbots Lane. | **ALL** |
| **586.6** | **Next Meeting**  The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April at 7.30 p.m. in KMH. | **ALL** |

**Signed………………………………….. Date……………………………………**