**MINUTES OF THE 595 KENLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ MEETING held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at Kenley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Guests: Dawn Bennett, Community Developer; Roger Goldsmith, Road Steward. Malcolm Maskrey Area Steward (MM)**

**Councillors: Gayle Gander (GG)**

**Apologies: John Davenport (JD) Angela Morrison (AM); Mike Lott (ML)**

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| **595** | CH welcomed everyone including the 3 guests and asked everyone to introduce themselves. |  |
| **594.1** | **Minutes of Last Meeting (9.01.2024)**  The minutes having been circulated were agreed. |  |
| **594.2**  **595.3.1** | **LBC:** GG reported  **Flood risk strategy**:- Caterham Bourne (south of the Borough) Brighton Rd Purley are most susceptible to flooding. Key point in report is that there is a need to prepare for Climate Change and get strategies in place. Kenley flood alleviation work has been completed.  **Budge**t – going to Cabinet tomorrow. A recent survey highlighted the areas of top priorities for residents, and as a result the council will spend most of the budget protecting vulnerable children and adults. Other identified priorities include safer, cleaners streets and improving town centres such as Purley as well as Croydon town centre – supported by a recent £18.5m levelling up bid, and a pledge of £7.2m for the town centre regeneration, and a re-introduction of the of the Town Centre Advisory Board; working with Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) as it develops its masterplan for the Whitgift and Centrale shopping centre area.  **Council Tax:** Croydon is proposing a council tax increase of 2.99%, together with a 2% increase in the adult social care precept, in line with the cap that the government has set.  **Budget:** Continuing action to tackle the serious legacy challenges around finance and governance means that our savings need to be delivered which include £30m.  The council will continue to need exceptional financial support from the government. Croydon’s debt servicing cost is £62m a year, which is 15% of its core spending power. As a result, the council is requesting a £38m capitalisation direction from govt.  **Fly Tipping:** Remains a problem in OLL. Logs have been placed in gaps where the dumping of rubbish occurs.  **Parkletts:** installed in OLL. Play space for children opposite shops is working well.  **Library Consultation:** A number of libraries in the Croydon area are to be closed and then set up as Community Hubs with other services such as family and adult education services and community partnerships running alongside the library services.  **Police: TH** attended Ward Panel meeting at OLL Centre, 4 police attended with a new recruit for Kenley area. Focus on posters advertising domestic abuse and violence. We could possibly put one on our notice boards. Main areas of crime in Kenley are violence against person, burglaries and vehicle crime. Also Riddlesdown children coming over hill and along Godstone Road having phones stolen (largely by ‘out of area’ miscreants bussing to Kenley). Dog crimes increasing as well.  CH thanked GG for her report.  **Council News**: Dawn Bennett, Community Developer explained what she was trying to achieve in the Kenley area. She started volunteering at Food Stop at a couple of places including OLL. Trying to get people to attend anything is not easy. Started coffee morning at OLLBC, they supply the coffee etc. PK said hadn’t heard about Food Stop until recently. Dawn said that supermarkets supply stuff that would otherwise go to land fill. CH thanked Dawn for coming to meeting |  |
| **595.3.2** | **Kendra Admin**   1. **Member Mojo –** GJ reported that 337 members signed up so far. GJ said a few years back membership was 2500. MM suggested for one time only just delivering magazines to all households in a road to see how many members we gained. He said he has a definitive list of members who have paid . GJ this could be against GDPR. A RS had knocked on every door in Welcomes Road but GJ said that is not feasible across the Ward. We do need to find who wants to pay cash and then get that cash to JD as soon as possible, perhaps asking members to phone RS. 2. **Save a Life Day –** PK said it was all confirmed for Saturday 13th April with London Ambulance Brigade at KMH.Starting at 10.00 until 16.00. Instructor with defibrillator in small hall other instructors in main hall for one hour doing demonstrations and talk. No agreement about teas and coffees. NHS will have bucket for charity, and their own recruitment leafleting. KENDRA could have a stand. PK trying to contact scouts.   GJ said that leaflets could be printed and given to schools to go out to parents.   1. **New Committee & Speakers for AGM 30th April –** GG said that Chris Philp (MP and Police Minister) is able to attend with Jason Perry (Mayor) as stand-by. Police have been invited and Sgt will attend. GJ said Kenley Good Growth Fund now have Project Manager to talk about what they set out to do and what they have achieved. GJ will speak about Member Mojo. CH will review the year and AM will report on accounts. Election of Officers and Committee. CH to ask JD for confirmation if he wants to stay on Committee. All other members have agreed. | **PK/ALL**  **CH/GJ/ALL** |
| **595.3.3** | **Notice Boards**  TA said at the moment it has GG and OK surgery dates. Suggest a poster for Save a Life Day to get local interest. | **TA/PK** |
| **595.3.4** | **Magazine**  Winter issue did not go out until 19th December due to printer being so busy. TH said he will keep to schedule in reply to TA. Spring issue will be out in time for notice of AGM. CH thanked those for all the hard work in getting magazine completed and distributed. | **TH/TA** |
| **595.3.5** | **Other Local Issues**   1. **Kenley Advisory Group** – they have done survey on road improvements and traffic speed around Airfield, may be down to 30 mph. Near misses with pedestrians where there is no pavement and pavement tailgating. They aim to produce colour material asking people to drive cautiously. Council suggesting doing the artwork if we can organise distribution. TA said “why can they not do signage on the road?” It was agreed in principle to engage with the Council. 2. **ESTC 7th February meeting –** CH reported that trains to Victoria will be trialled at 06.05 and 07.05 and return 17.10 and 18.10 – but not until Dec!   Saturday March 2nd the 434 will run every half hour to the top of Hayes Lane. After such a long wait it is finally happening.   1. **KMH** – A request has been received for a donation towards the supply of Batteries and Pads for the Defibrillator which will cost £550. A suggested 50% donation of £275 was agreed. | **ALL**  **ALL**  **ALL**  **ALL** |
| **595.3.6** | **Litter Issues**  PK said that the next Litter Pick is Sunday 18th February. The number of Litter Pick volunteers is grown. Dawn said her husband started it around Garston Lane but had problem with bag collection after getting equipment from Tracey. PK said contact Clean Streets App. GG said she had spoken to Veolia and Garston Lane will be dealt with. GG reported that there would be deep cleansing of Godstone Road and Beverley Road soon. |  |
| **595.3.7** | **Wattenden Pond**  PK said the Scouts Bug Home would not be put up yet as it was far too wet.  Col Ranger offer of help at the pond has been passed to City of London Parks man who has not come back to PK. CH thanked PK for his persistence. | **PK** |
| **595.4** | **Committee Reports**  **Treasurer -** With the absence of AM an email report was submitted. I have prepared the accounts for 2023 and contacted Jerry today to check that he is willing to be the IE. I will keep you posted on progress  Bank balance remains healthy, no issues or concerns to raise here  I have received an invoice from KMH of the Save A Life day. I have not paid it yet. I am also behind on invoicing for the mag, not done Winter yet but I will get back up straight once the accounts are complete  I have had a few issues with cheques received from JD for subs. Barclays have an online pay-in facility for cheques which saves me time, however the poor quality of the written cheques means that I am getting several which are rejected and I have to find a branch. This is difficult with so many branch closures. Also when cheques are rejected, I need to make an estimate of which years the subs are for with the successful ones. A vote for Member Mojo which takes this issue away!  **Membership – Previously dealt with**  **Planning –** GG said that Haydn Avenue planning had been refused for the time being. |  |
| **595.5** | **Any Other Business**   1. CH reported that the camera on corner of OLL/Hayes Lane which had been vandalised was in a pile of bits when workmen came to repair it. They said they had to go and get equipment to repair it when they came back it had been vandalised again. They said they will not repair again. 2. PK had idea for increasing membership – to try and circulate a letter or leaflet and measure effect of delivering one road. 3. GJ said he went for a walk and took photos of all the potholes he passed. He sent these to Love Your Streets. The next time he walked at least 50% had been filled in. |  |
| **595.6** | **Next Meeting**  **The next meeting will be held at KMH on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 p.m.** | **ALL** |

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