**MINUTES OF THE 596 KENLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS’ MEETING held on Tuesday 12th March 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); Angela Morrison (AM); Mike Lott (ML).**

**Guests:** **Malcolm Maskrey AS (MM)**

**Councillors: Ola Kolade (OK)**

**Apologies: Linda Richman (LR) John Davenport (JD).**

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| **596** | CH welcomed everyone and gave apologies for the absentees |  |
| **596.1** | **Minutes of Last Meeting (No. 595 d/d 13.02.2024)**  The minutes having been circulated were agreed. It had been noted the last magazine had not been delayed through Printer’s workload, but the production team. |  |
| **596** | **LBC:** GG had emailed the committee a detailed update (17 items) ahead of the meeting (attached to the issued Agenda)  OK commented on specific topics  **2024/25 Budge**t – Croydon’s Budget was approved last week with Council tax rising by approx. 5%, as predicted (2.99%, plus a 2% increase in the adult social care precept & GLA) in line with the cap that the government has set. Within their costing Council need to incorporate some £38m savings this year.  **Fly Tipping:** Remains a problem in OLL. Logs have been placed in gaps where the dumping of rubbish occurs.  **Parklets:** installed in OLL. Play space for children opposite shops is working well. Wayfinding signs to be erected across Kenley soon.  **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. Currently ongoing to mid April – see LBC website to take part.  **Police:** Last WP meeting in Feb, next to be held in July, unless need to meet before that. CH thanked OK for his update report. |  |
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| **596.3.1**  **596.3.2** | **Council News:**  Planning decisions: LBC has rejected the Wattendon Road, 3 Park Road infill developments and a HMO application. However ‘Rihot’ in Pine Close was approved.  It was noted that 16-18 Park Road had had all their trees and vegetation cleared – planning app. in progress. Felt that it were no TPOs to prevent this happening.  A recent ANPR exercise with 20 or so Traffic Police attending was held at A22 depot opposite the CO-OP designed to catch cars and drivers not having right cover (insurance, licence or vehicle roadworthy). Part of a borough wide approach approved by our MP, Chris Philp, as Minister for Police/Security.  **Kendra Admin**   1. **Member Mojo –** GJ reported that 348 members signed up so far. We are using 468 of 500 licence limit for Mailchimp email facility and will need to purchase the next level (up accommodate 1000 names) soon. 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. AM and LR have offered to provide teas/coffees. GJ said that leaflets could be printed and given to schools to go out to parents. 3. **New Committee & Speakers for AGM 30th April – Speakers engaged are at Met Police Team Sergeant,** Chris Philp (MP and Police Minister) GJ said Kenley Good Growth Fund (Steve Dennington is available to attend and summarise what has been achieved with the GGF in the 3 years it’s operated. GJ will speak about Member Mojo. CH will review the year and AM will report on accounts. Election of Officers and Committee including JD as a Committee member. All other members have agreed.   TH to arrange usual Wine /Soft drinks purchases. PK to arrange microphones for the evening – and to ensure they will work and get a good deal following last year’s difficulties | **PK/ALL**  **CH/GJ/ALL**  **TH/PK** |
| **596.3.3** | **Notice Boards**  TA said at the moment they display the Ward Cllrs month end surgery dates. Suggest a poster for Save a Life Day to get local interest and upcoming posters promoting the AGM, | **TA/PK** |
| **596.3.4** | **Magazine**  Spring 2024 Issue almost finalised and ahead of planned schedule. PK is putting this issue together in a slightly revised format. CH thanked those for all the hard work in getting magazine this far forward.  AR/RS will need to receive a listing of their members who are signed up and paid up so they know not to ask those residents for any subs. | **TH/TA**  **GJ/JD** |
| **593.5** | **Other Local Issues**   1. **Kenley Advisory Group** – Favouring 30 mph traffic speed around Airfield and Kendra promoting “20 is plenty” It was agreed in principle to engage with the Council. 2. Proposed new 434 Bus Route from 02/03/24 to run every half hour to the top of Hayes Lane did not materialise. Postponed with 3 days to go TfL citing mitigating issues in Wattendon Road. After discussion Committee agreed that CH and MM would compose a letter expressing Kendra’s disappointment at this stance so late in the day. Subsequent letter now attached with these minutes, having been circulated to Committee | **ALL**    **CH/MM** |
| **596.3.6** | **Litter Issues**  PK said that the next Litter Pick is Sunday 17th March. The number of Litter Pick volunteers has grown. PK advised it’s the Great British Spring Clean this month (Kendra has promised 30 bags to the bulk numbers offered). Individuals can do their own collections and advised to contact Clean Streets App, so that those bag(s) can be collected. |  |
| **596.3.7** | **Wattenden Pond. PK reported** No update so far. Weather has been against installing the Bug Homes made by the Scouts  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** |
| **596.4** | **Committee Reports**  **Treasurer:** AM reported 2023 Annual Accounts and Books are with the auditor (Jerry @ Kenley Financial Services)  Bank balance remains healthy, no issues or concerns to raise here  AM advised she needs to catch upon invoicing advertisers for the mag, but will get back up straight once the accounts are complete  If any AS/RS are to still collecting cheques they need to be made aware they are handed ‘up the chain’ ASAP so there is no danger they can become Out of Date (i.e. 6 months from date of issue) before they’re presented for payment,  **Membership – Previously dealt with**  **Planning – See Council News 596.3.1** | **JD** |
| **596.5** | **Any Other Business** |  |
| **595.6** | **Next Meetings**  **The next meeting will be held at KMH on Tuesday 9th April and**  **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 30th April – Main Hall** | **ALL** |

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