



MINUTES OF RVPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Thursday 2nd March 2017
at Bromley Court Hotel

Members present: Saj Ahmed, Brian Atkinson, Toni Boardman, Susan Coleborn, Chris Compton, Val Crowdy, John Ealey, Dolores Ealey, David England, Doreen Fellingham, Ian Fellingham, Tony Ferrison, Julie Foster, C Green, Christina Jarvis, Maureen Johnson, Andrew Lancaster, Clive Lees, Olivia Livesey, Liz Logan, Gillian McIntosh, Euan McMaster, Linda Müller, Beatrice Osborn, David Page, Mick Pinson, Marilyn Pinson, Christine Richards, Ann Shepherd, David Skinner, David Smart, Andrew Storey, Richard Thomas, Cllr Michael Tickner, Pat Tucker, Leslie Tucker, Cllr Stephen Wells, Alan Williams, Val Wilson, Dave Wiltshire, Monica Wiltshire

Apologies: Judy Adcock, Cllr Nicky Dykes, Wally Johnson, Anna Koffer, Martin Ruddick, Andrea Stevens

- 1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks:** Clive Lees welcomed people to the meeting, in particular new members, and introduced the String Ensemble and the Speaker, Mr Rob Vale from Bromley Council Trading Standards and Community Safety Manager.
- 2 String Ensemble from St Dunstan's College**
We enjoyed a variety of popular classics including pieces by Mozart, Fauré, Vivaldi and Jenkins, and items from Mexico and some Musicals.
- 3 Guest Speaker:** Mr Rob Vale, Bromley Council Trading Standards and Community Safety Manager. Mr Vale gave a very interesting but sobering talk on his work with Trading Standards, particularly covering recent scams and fraud. Victims of fraud tend to be older, average age 74, and lonely or isolated. Incidents are almost certainly under reported as victims are often ashamed of having been tricked, or don't know to whom to report the fraud. Bromley Council seek to train vulnerable groups and raise awareness of the types of scam that criminals use. The Council have been successful in bringing some perpetrators to justice, resulting in prison sentences and seizure of profits. Common scams involve cold callers to a property offering to fix roof tiles or drains or to prune trees and then charging very high sums of money. He finished by encouraging us to be vigilant, both for ourselves and our neighbours.
Trading Standards have a Rapid Response number, so if something doesn't look right, get advice, support and assistance by calling **07903 852090**.

Clive introduced the Officers present.

4 Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

5 Chairman's report: Please see written report.

6 Treasurer's Report:

For the year ending 31st Dec 2016 income was **£2,058** and expenditure **£4,481**, giving a deficit for the year of **£2,423**, and a total balance of **£10,188**. There was a decrease in receipts but there is a fluctuation as late subscriptions will be included in the following year's figures. This year's deficit was mostly due to the payment of £3,000 to Bromley Council for Phase 1 of our Tree Project. The cheque was presented to Cllrs Harmer, Dykes, Tickner and Rutherford at the Summer Garden Party. The Society provided £48 towards refreshments at the Garden Party to thank officers, road reps and other regular supporters of our work. We contributed £100 towards the maintenance, storage and repair of the Shortlands Christmas lights.

Pura Atkinson is now standing down after 6 years as auditor. Alan Williams of Crab Hill, Retired Finance Director of Hays Storage, has agreed to take on the role.

The accounts were signed.

7 Planning Officer's Report: Please see written report.

8 Roads & Traffic: In addition to the written report, it was noted that the Pay By Mobile parking had been introduced on Crab Hill on 26th September 2016 so was now due the promised six month review. The Council are aware that there are issues.

9 Community Projects and Tree Officer's Report: Please see written report.

10 Beckenham Place Park Representative's Report: In addition to the written report, we thanked Leslie Tucker for his 23 years in this role. He has now handed over to Euan McMaster, and Liz Logan has also volunteered to be involved.

11 Membership Secretary's Report: Please see written report.

12 Determination of subscriptions for 2017-18: As we have over £10,000 in general reserve, the Treasurer proposed maintaining the current subscription rate of £5 (those who are retired or in special financial circumstances may contribute as they are able). Agreed.

13 Appointment of auditor: Alan Williams was nominated by Richard Thomas and seconded by Mal Pinson. He was appointed unanimously.

14 Election of Officers: No nominations were received before or at the meeting. Those in post are all willing to continue. The Chair, Clive Lees, the Secretary, Beatrice Osborn, the Treasurer, Dave Wiltshire and Vice Chair and Membership Secretary Linda Müller were re-elected unanimously. Road Reps: Mick and Mal Pinson are taking over Hillbrow Road and Elstree Hill. Judy Adcock is taking over Madeira Avenue as Brian Atkinson is standing down. Thank you gifts were presented to Brian and Pura.

15 Chairman's Closing Remarks: Clive Lees thanked the officers for their work, and the 30 or so volunteers who help in different ways to run the Society. He also thanked our Councillors for their advice and support. Beatrice proposed a Vote of thanks to the Chair on behalf of the meeting. We look forward to our 30th birthday, coming up this summer.

16 The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Thursday 4th May 2017 – all Members are welcome to attend.