

MINUTES OF RVR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 4th March 2021

Held On-line via Zoom - Draft



Members present:

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| Judy Adcock | Christina Brown | Val Crowdy |
| Brendan Donegan | David England | Joel Kibazo |
| Mark Ladd | Clive Lees * | Gillian Lees |
| Liz Logan | Euan McMaster | Bill Mitchell |
| Catherine Morgan | Linda Müller | Carole Mullord |
| Beatrice Osborn | Paul Osborne | David Page |
| Vishal Patel | Chris Porter | Pete Saunders |
| Quinton Schönknecht | Wendy Watmore | Dave Wiltshire |
| Monica Wiltshire | Damian Winstanley | Yasmin Winstanley |
| Parisa Wright | | |

*Chair

Apologies:

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| Dolores Ealey | John Ealey | Ian Fellingham | Andrew Lancaster |
| Martin Ruddick | | | |

Absence of officers: None

1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks:

Clive Lees welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted that the meeting was quorate, and then gave a presentation highlighting a few current issues of interest.

Beckenham Place Park: Plans for the development of the east side should be available later this year. There are local concerns about a possible increase in traffic in Ravensbourne Avenue, both during the works and beyond. The Mounded garden is flooded in parts and has become a muddy quagmire following the recent rainy weather. The finished mound is very different to the original plans. It was built with soil excavated from the lake area, but some of the soil was contaminated and couldn't be used. As a result, the mound is smaller than was intended. The Councillors are looking into how it might be improved.

Royal Bell Hotel: The refurbishment continues and some of the pargetting has been repainted and looks marvellous. Work is to commence soon on the new hotel block at the back of the site.

8 Madeira Avenue: Application to build a pair of five storey semi-detached houses. This would set an unwelcome precedent for the road, which mainly has two or three storey houses. There have been 28 objections and it is hoped that the application will be refused.

76 A&B The Avenue: Application for a large five storey block of flats very close to the Downs Hill conservation area. There could be a duplicate next door at 76 C&D. The design is unattractive and out of character with the area and if approved, would set an unwelcome precedent for the road.

Shortlands Village Conservation Area: Decision as to whether it is approved expected by the summer.

Albemarle and Westgate Rd. traffic schemes: Trial of a cycle lane on Albemarle Rd. and one-way traffic on Albemarle Rd. and Westgate Bridge. There has been a consultation on whether to continue with or to alter the current scheme. The results of the consultation expected later this month.

Fly-tipping continues to be a problem locally. The council will take action, so please report any fly-tipping or other eyesores.

2 Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

3 Treasurer's Report: Please also see written report.

For the year ending 31st Dec 2020 income was **£1,369.23** and expenditure **£1,901.24**, giving a deficit for the year of **£532.01**, and a total balance of **£9,694**.

The income from subscriptions was very much lower than those received in 2019 at £1327 which relates to approximately 55% of normal income. This was expected and a consequence of us not collecting subscriptions at the doorstep because of Covid restrictions. Instead, we emailed households where we have an email address (approx. 350 of approx. 500 member households) to request a bank transfer. As such maximum income by this method might be $350 \times £5 = £1750$. £1327 represents a collection rate of about 75% which is considered reasonable in the circumstances.

Interest from National Savings and Investment Account was decreased to £41.73 for the year and was automatically added to that account. On the expenditure side, there has been a decrease in expenditure as compared to 2019. This year RVR donated a total of £842 to community projects which included:

- £600 to Community Links Bromley, the donation was distributed to various Covid-19 support groups in Bromley,
- Two payments to Greener and Cleaner Bromley of £100 divided equally for a volunteer award and climate hustings and the second payment of £110 for the production of 135 sets of scrubs and laundry bags for the PRUH,
- £75 for 10 high-vis safety vests with RVR logo for Tree Friends, £32 for compost, daffodil and narcissus bulbs which were planted in several tree pits within our area
- Operating costs of £984.

The accounts were audited and passed by Alan Williams and our thanks go to him for continuing to fulfil this role. The accounts were accepted. The Chair thanked Dave Wiltshire for managing the finances.

- 4 Determination of subscriptions for 2021-22:** As we have a healthy 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. We are also interested in future projects to which we might contribute.

Parisa thanked the society for contributing to and collaborating with Greener and Cleaner Bromley projects over the year. She also paid tribute to Clive for all his dedication and hard work on behalf of the community. He devotes an enormous amount of time to thinking about and developing new projects for the benefit of the community now and in the future.

- 5 Reappointment of auditor:** Alan Williams is happy to continue in this role and was re-appointed unanimously. Alan is very experienced and Dave thanked him for the support he has given.

- 6 Election of Officers:** No nominations were received before or at the meeting for the posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary or Secretary. With the exception of the Secretary, the present postholders were willing to stand again. Online voting was held and Clive Lees, Beatrice Osborn, Dave Wiltshire and Linda Müller were all re-elected unanimously. An Acting Secretary will take over until such time as a new Secretary is found.

7 Chairman's Closing Remarks:

Clive thanked all of the officers for their work and also the road representatives and other volunteers who help in different ways to run and support the society. He also thanked the councillors for their continuing advice and support.

A special thank you was given to Paul Osborne for all his hard work as Planning Officer over the last three years as he now hands over to Ian Fellingham.

Clive thanked everyone for attending the meeting and looked forward to the time when we will be able to resume meeting in person again at the BCH.

- 8 Members' meetings** continue bi-monthly. The next **AGM** will be Thursday 3rd March 2022 (tbc).