

MINUTES OF RVR MEETING **Held on Thursday 2nd January 2020** **at The Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Judy Adcock	Tony Boardman	Val Crowdy
Dolores Ealey	John Ealey	Clive Lees
Maureen Johnson	Anna Koffer	Karl Martin
Bill Mitchell	Alan Mullord	Carole Mullord
Beatrice Osborn *	Paul Osborne	Valentino Rivolta
Markku Syväniemi	Cllr. Michael Tickner	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Cllr. Nicky Dykes	Cllr. Will Harmer	Wally Johnson	Cathy Morgan	Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson
Martin Ruddick	Leslie Tucker				

Absence of officers: Euan McMaster, Linda Müller

2 Minutes of last meeting: Item 7: Markku should read Karl Martin, otherwise approved.

3 Finances:

The Treasurer's report from 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019

Receipts:		
Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date		£2,405.00
NS&I interest		£55.89
Payments:		
Expenses and donations for the financial year to date		£4,675.26
Surplus/Deficit for the year:		£2,214.37 (deficit)
General Reserve:		
Santander Current Account		£3,742.58
National Savings Investment Account		£5,216.05
Petty cash		£1,267.46
Total:		£10,226.09

Subscriptions are all in. Many thanks for the hard work of all the road representatives. Annual accounts have now been closed and are with our auditor.

4 Community Projects:

a) Community Activities:

Recycling box nets:

Following a review, we are not getting the 60-70% usage we had hoped for to continue the project. The results are disappointing as members seemed very enthusiastic about having the nets. The view is that we let the project rest for a while, outline the benefits in newsletters and at litter picking activities and then check again on usage in a month or so. Please speak to Clive if you are interested in coordinating litter picking.

Tree department at LBB: Support from Cllr. Will Harmer regarding the lack of a working relationship with the LBB tree team resulted in an apology from the tree team and a written willingness to dedicate more time to working with us in 2020. Monica to resume monthly reporting system and report back in March. Roots of some large trees in Farnaby Rd. causing damage to pavements. Report to 'FixMyStreet'.

b) Bromley Climate Alliance:

Nothing new as focus was on three 'Climate change hustings' organised by Greener and Cleaner Bromley and Youth Strike for Climate. All well attended. Meeting next week to look at longer term plans.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

70 High Street (Old Maplins Building): Application to demolish existing buildings and construction of a 16-storey mixed use (retail and residential) tower. Too tall. More than 200 objections to date.

2A Downs Hill: Appeal against enforcement notice for unauthorised construction of a pitched roof car port.

Land rear of 48 Farnaby Road, entrance in Madeira Avenue: Erection of a detached two-bedroom dwelling facing Madeira Avenue on land formerly the rear garden of 48 Farnaby Rd. Appeal against refusal in progress. Inspector has visited-result not yet known.

87 Beckenham Lane: Demolition of existing two storey building refused. Appeal in progress.

1 Ethelbert Close: Application for 410 residential units. We have objected. Council is still consulting.

Site 10 Draft Local Plan (formerly Opportunity Site G): Extending from Bromley South station to Churchill Gardens. Consultation on masterplan for development to include 1230 residential units, offices, retail and transport interchange is closed and decision awaited.

1 Blyth Road: Demolition of existing building and construction of a new three storey apartment building with 10 two-bedroom units. Comments on website.

Larchmont, Crab Hill: Application to reduce scope for rear and side extensions. Approved.

Hillary Mount, Crab Hill: New application for rear extension. Approved.

b) Lewisham:

37 Coniston Road: Over-height building has been built in back yard. Owner needs to remove or apply for retrospective planning permission, otherwise an enforcement order may be served.

26 Hillbrow Road: Demolition of current dwelling and construction of a one storey building and 3 two storey buildings comprising 3 x self-contained flats and 1 x one-bedroom house. LBB objected - overdevelopment of the site/adverse impact on neighbouring properties within Bromley. Lots of objections. No new information.

The Mansion, Beckenham Place Park: Retrospective temporary change of use from class D2 use to mixed uses including artist studios, yoga/fitness centre, private hire space, business uses and use of two first floor units as residential accommodation for caretakers. Not yet determined.

c) Tree issues:

Clarified by both Chris Ryder, Principal Tree Officer LBB and owner that 3 conifers felled outside 88 Madeira Ave. were not covered by a TPO, so planning approval wasn't needed. TPO dates back to 1960 and these trees were planted after this date. Owner intends to re-plant in the spring, which will be a great improvement.

6 Transport issues:

Markku attended meeting about Ravensbourne Station area with Cllr. Nicky Dyke and Traffic Planning Dept. Able to see proposed plans-coming to consultation soon. Plans will be posted to residents near the station. Meeting in January about Shortlands station plans. Consultation due in next few months. No news on plans for Westgate bridge. Congestion continues as it is a one lane humpback bridge. All options difficult; re-build, restrict to pedestrians/cyclists or develop Downs Bridge Rd. and make each one-way traffic.

7 Environmental Issues: Climate change and our response to it.

In addition to contributing £50 to the hustings organised by Greener and Cleaner Bromley, we continue to meet councillors and attend meetings to encourage the council to take robust action on climate change.

Cllr. Tickner updated on LBB actions. Main concern is air quality and there are four monitoring stations in the borough. Continue to encourage walking, cycling and public transport. There needs to be a London wide approach. Bromley will not be introducing blanket 20mph speed restrictions as they contribute to air pollution, but may introduce close to schools. Litter from fast food outlets is a problem. LBB cannot impose local taxes on firms, but Individuals who litter can be fined. Uncertain if this is enforced if individuals caught on CCTV. Graffiti at Ravensbourne station reported in November. No action as yet. This is railway property, therefore not the council responsibility, but Cllr. Tickner could ask question at Transport Liaison Meeting.

8 Councillors' Update:

Bromley Library undergoing £300,000 renovations. Proposal to move Beckenham library from current site near Clock House to Public Halls near St Georges Church. Feasibility study until June 2020. Shortlands 'Friendly Village Project' funded by TfL aims to improve village and may involve changes to road layout. Public meetings planned to discuss further.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): Nothing new relevant to our area.

10 Any Other Business:

AGM: Tony Banfield (Chair of Bromley Civic society) will give a talk about the development of our area.

BPP Park run: Change of start site has not happened yet. Beatrice will enquire.

Noisy motorbikes: From Madeira Ave. then going up Bromley Ave. and beyond. Improved for a while after a neighbour had a word, but noise has resumed. Cllr Tickner took details and will look into it.

Off road motorbikes in BPP: Children riding without helmets. Not known whether they are licensed or insured. Cllr Tickner requests that if seen please take pictures and report.

Open justice: Monthly guided tours of Bromley Magistrates Court now started. First 2 months fully booked.

Dee - ticket clerk at Shortlands station: Always raising money for a number of local groups and charities. No public recognition, so Parisa organised collection. We contributed £50.00.

Valley School: Thanked RVR for contribution towards air filters - now able to have in all classrooms. Next project is to add greenery at the front of school. Fund-raising to begin when plans finalised.

11 Next meeting: AGM: Thursday 5th March 2020 at 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel