

MINUTES OF RVR MEETING

**Held on Thursday 7th November 2019
at The Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Val Crowdy	Tony Guyver	Cllr. Will Harmer
Anna Koffer	Andrew Lancaster	Clive Lees *
Euan McMaster	Karl Martin	Bill Mitchell
Alan Mullord	Carole Mullord	Beatrice Osborn
Paul Osborne	David Page	Mal Pinson
Mick Pinson	Quinton Schönknecht	Sue Smith
Markku Syväniemi	Cllr. Michael Tickner	Leslie Tucker
Wendy Watmore	Cllr. Stephen Wells	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Maureen Johnson	Wally Johnson	Parisa Danvers	Tony Illingworth	Andy Dawson	Martin Ruddick
Christina Brown					

Absence of officers: Judy Adcock (Beatrice Osborn took the minutes)

Beatrice explained that the Bromley Court Hotel had decided to continue providing 20 freshly baked chocolate cookies for our meetings. They are large so some people might like to share one.

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

3 Finances:

The Treasurer's report from 1st January 2019 – 7th November 2019

Receipts:		
Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date		£1,517.00
NS&I interest		£55.89
Payments:		
Expenses and donations for the financial year to date		£4,600.86
Surplus/Deficit for the year:		£3,027.97 (deficit)
General Reserve:		
Santander Current Account		£3,517.58
National Savings Investment Account		£5,216.05
Petty cash		£678.86
Total:		£9,412.49

Subscriptions are coming in well, even some tonight!

4 Community Projects:

a) Next social event: At Shortlands Tavern (upstairs), 30 Nov. 2019, 4pm to 6pm.

b) Community Activities:

Recycling box nets have been very well received in Warren Avenue, Madeira Avenue, even numbers side of Ravensbourne Avenue and numbers 1-81 Farnaby Road. A further 100 nets have been brought making a total of 300 to date at a cost of £360. Monica proposed we extend the project to other roads. Agreed to review usage (60% to 70% considered reasonable) and report back in January.

Tree friend activities: No further tree activities to report this meeting.

Tree department at LBB: Judy Adcock picked up from LBBRF minutes that West Wickham RA, who like us have planted street trees in partnership with LBB, commented that this has come to a halt because there is only one person employed to deal with all street trees in Bromley. Cllr Will Harmer thinks the vacancy may have been filled. He will also check whether the contractor can help. A suggestion has been made to run a 3rd tree project in Bromley Avenue.

c) Valley School 'Clean air' project: Stephen Jackson, Head Teacher, presented briefly on investigations into air quality in and around the school and work done to date. (Presentation available on the school website.) The school is raising funds from a variety of sources. Agreed to donate £500 towards Phase One: air purifiers in the Victorian classrooms on the main road.

d) Bromley Climate Alliance: We considered whether to join this. Some concern was expressed about understanding the purpose and which other organisations or groups would also be involved. Decided to wait for further information.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

Hillary Mount, Crab Hill: New application for rear extension

87 Beckenham Lane: Ground floor extension for retail use refused; demolition also refused.

Larchmont, Crab Hill: Reduce scope for rear and side extensions.

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

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.

2 Ullswater Close: Finally approved: alteration to boundary fence.

10 Highland Road: Demolition of existing garages to the rear of 10 Highland Rd. and the erection of a single three-bedroom house. Approved. New application for changes aimed at turning house into a highly energy efficient house achieving an EPC A rating.

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.

17 Ullswater Close: Erection of three storey side extension and subdivision of plot to form new 3-bedroom family dwelling Refused – root protection of trees required, not enough parking so impact on traffic.

46 Ravensbourne Avenue: An application intended to regularise the situation was withdrawn from Planning Committee by Chief Planner for technical reasons. Under enforcement due to over height pool/gym building.

b) Lewisham:

50 Ashgrove Road: Changes to windows, façade etc Approved

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.

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 and adverse impact on neighbouring properties within Bromley. Lots of other objections.

c) Tree issues:

Three conifers were felled at 88 Madeira Ave which is odd because the planning application was withdrawn, Monica will try to find out what happened here.

6 Transport issues:

Ravensbourne station traffic management. Discussion around rat running, commuter parking, speeding, safe crossing points. Cllr Harmer has a meeting with the assistant director 8th Nov. There was a request for the speed guns to be deployed in Bromley Avenue – Markku can request a speed check.

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

Clive met Cllrs Harmer and Rutherford. Cllr Harmer as chair of environment committee (role of vetting Council decisions) drove carbon neutral decision by 2029. Various council measures are in place. Housing, especially older properties, and cars more difficult to tackle. Biggest source of emissions food waste in land fill.

Clive also met Bob Neill our MP on our behalf who is pushing climate issue up the agenda.

Suggestion that Residents' Associations work together with other organisations. Agreed to explore possibilities and report back. Approved a contribution of up to £50 for hire of a room for hustings on climate issues before the General Election on 12th Dec if one is arranged.

Noise: Markku reported that he had investigated people affected by noise and the sources of the noise. He requested that an individual take on the role of collating issues and coordinating complaints to the council. Cllr Wells requested that people contact him if they have been affected by noise from Beckenham Place Park.

8 Councillors' Update:

Scotts Lane, Bromley Road, Downsbridge junction – could a roundabout be installed as part of Shortlands regeneration? Highways engineer to see what can be done in the interim – paint on the road, speed signs.

There will be new ward boundaries for the next elections. Major change is Shortlands Town to move out of Bromley Town and an enlarged Shortlands ward created with part of Copers Cope. We can submit comments.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Crime Summit -14th September 2019. The combined boroughs have been in place for 7 months. Response time for 999 calls is improving and violent crime incidents have fallen over the last year. Knife crime in Bromley is down by 20%. Stop and search is used a great deal. Issues around burglary. Bromley is an area with a higher proportion of large homes with higher value contents and thieves come into Bromley from other areas.

10 Any Other Business:

Noted that one member resigned over the change of the name of the Society. It is not an issue that the constitution still refers to the previous name.

Comments on the Bakerloo Line extension close on 22nd Dec.

11 Next meeting: Thursday 2nd January, 2020 at 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel