



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th JANUARY 2016 AT DORSET ROAD SCHOOL.

PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton- in the Chair (RM-B)	
Sally Babi (SB)	Laurie Bell (LB)
Robert Blanks (RB)	Edmund Cavendish (EC)
Jane Cornish (JC)	Ross Howie (RH)
Liz Keable (LK)	Rebecca Young (RY)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Cartwright (DC)
Cllr John Hills (JH)
Andrew Pain (AP)
Cllr Charles Rideout (CR)

APOLOGIES

Bromley SNT	Cllr Brinkhurst
Astrid Chklar	Cllr Hartley
Margaret Henderson	K Patel
M Patel (MP)	

MRA 16- 194 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of 26th November, 2015 were approved as a correct record of proceedings.

MRA 16-195 MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere)

195-1 Action point 164 Website. EM had forwarded some suggestions to RM-B however this was overtaken by an offer from Eltham College. Two sixth form students are now reviewing the website although we are unable to access the site structure until MP returns on 4th February with the necessary Codes. LK/LB agreed to check what hosting fee was paid and when it expires.

195-2 Action point 187 Remembrance Sunday. LB had spoken to Peter Wilkinson who advised that permission to close the roads should be sought from the Borough Traffic Dept. LB has emailed said traffic dept. and awaits a reply.

195-3 Mottingham Library. LK attended a Council Meeting on Tuesday Jan 26th where the library was due to be discussed. As the matter was handled as a Part 2 (confidential item without the attendance of the Public) no information as to the preferred bidder was forthcoming.

MRA 16-196 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

196-1 Bromley Police

In the absence of Police Representatives LB advised that Peter Wilkinson has now retired, his replacement (Paul ?) is due to start in February. (*post meeting note; PC Paul James has now taken over as Ward Officer*)

RB advised that Sue Kennedy, when sending apologies had stated that, due to shift patterns, the only meeting they would be able to attend this year would be the AGM.

196-2 Greenwich Police

In the absence of Police Representatives Cllr JH advised that our area still had the lowest reported crime rate in Greenwich. There had only been 3 vehicle crimes in the last 2 months and no reported drug problems. The stabbing that occurred in Luxfield Rd over Christmas resulted from a disagreement between neighbours.

196-3 Bromley Residents' Federation

RH attended a meeting the previous week but nothing of note for Mottingham was discussed; the main topic of debate still being Biggin Hill.

Cllr DC advised that due to financial restraints Adult Education funding was now concentrating on getting people into or back to work. More esoteric classes would no longer be subsidised. SB advised that the greatest need was in teaching English as a second language as many people unable to speak English could not even attend interviews or complete forms necessary to understand the benefit system never mind find work.

196-4 Planning – Bromley

A: Both the MRA and Eltham College have objected to the proposed phone mast installation near the corner of Mottingham Lane/Grove Park Rd on the grounds that it will interfere with line of site for traffic. Eltham College have offered to have a mast on the school Tower where two already exist. The subject is due for discussion by the Council Thursday 4th February

B: RM-B reported that, in discussion with the Head of Eltham College, he had been assured that the application for an alcohol licence was merely a blanket application to correct an anomaly as they had currently been operating outside their existing licence. EC confirmed this and added that it was to enable the School to sell a glass of wine to visitors to the Gallery events or concerts/school functions. There was no intention to serve it to students. The proposed clubhouse for the Old Elthamians would be sited near the Marvels Lane part of the playing fields as far as possible from local housing. The existing cricket pavilion would remain. It was noted that, should the licence be granted it would be subject to a 3 month review and any complaints would likely result in the licence being cancelled.

C: The Headmaster had also advised that he had, at neighbours' request and considerable expense to the College cut back a number of trees bordering the gardens to houses in Mottingham Lane and it was suggested that this may be a contributor to increased noise levels experienced by those neighbours. EC confirmed that the pattern of events put on by the College had hardly changed over the last 10 years although the Marquee used at the end of the summer term had been slightly relocated in the last couple of years. Eltham College would do all it could to keep noise levels down.

D: The proposed plans for an additional 18 parking spaces at the Nursery was considered to be disproportionate and AP advised that from his experience living close to Fairmount car park, neighbours next to the proposed car park will suffer from considerable noise pollution.

It was however felt that a new car park should reduce parking in Mottingham Lane which would be a help. EC advised that, although they had to provide/retain disabled access, Eltham College planned to close the Mottingham Lane access to the Junior School making parents drop off at the main college entrance which would hopefully also reduce parking in the Lane. It may be necessary to stagger start times for the junior and senior school to minimise congestion.

196- 5 Planning Greenwich

There have been no significant planning applications in the Greenwich side of Mottingham in recent months.

MRA 16-197 THE FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE (FLC)

RB advised that although there had been the usual good response to last year's fund raising from Residents he was disappointed that only two traders, 'Jarmin & Dixon' and 'Rooms' has made any contribution. Total received amounted to £2055 excluding the £500 due from the MRA. This brought total funds up to £5621.70. The cost of the Christmas tree was £80 and the cost of the lights £3576.00 leaving a sum of £1965.70 (plus the £500 due from the MRA) to be carried forward for next year. Copy income and expenditure sheet attached.

RB advised he planned to try to call a meeting of the FLC in February/ March to plan ahead for next Christmas and to amend the list of Authorised Signatories. It was necessary to remove Lynn Seymour who was no longer on the Committee and advisable to remove Mayor Patel who is doing so much travel he is not often available. It was proposed that Astrid Chklar and Jane Cornish be appointed signatories in their stead.

MRA 16-198 AGM

Due to time constraints a discussion around the AGM was deferred. The main preparatory work for the AGM will be dealt with at the March meeting however RM-B proposed to distribute the 'who does what' list and any other relevant information ahead of that meeting in an attempt to reduce the meeting time.

MRA 16-199 THE PORCUPINE PUB - UPDATE

Action point 186: LK advised that she had not pursued the issue of professional representation as it was now felt that the Survey work seen being carried out in November was probably unrelated to the Lidl site.

The Chair of the PDC had advised there had been no further movement from Lidl who were still considering their strategy for the site.

MRA 16-200 DORSET ROAD INFANTS SCHOOL (DRIS)

There was considerable debate around the future of DRIS as the lack of any mention on the Bromley Local Plan had raised concerns. DC, Vice Chair of the School Governors, advised that plans for the school were solid with Bromley planning to spend tens of thousands of pounds to improve facilities. The proposed link with Castlecombe under the umbrella of the Spring Partnership Trust would provide guaranteed junior school places for DRIS pupils. DC advised that the current roll for DRIS is 75, but only 16 in the top class. To counter that the bottom class intake was 30 which was the highest number for some time. *(post meeting note: the school currently has 67 pupils, 27 in reception, 24 in yr.1 and 16 in yr. 2)*

LK expressed concern that Castlecombe would not be an acceptable junior school for many parents primarily due to its location and advised that the honorary officers had been considering what alternative proposals might be put forward. It was agreed that, due to her Education background, LK would be appointed the MRA's Education Representative and lead a small sub-committee on researching any such options, however Committee members and attendees were asked to treat the whole subject in confidence as there were several risks involved should ill-informed rumours start to circulate.

RM-B advised that he and LK had recently met with the Head of DRIS (also CEO of the Spring Partnership Trust) who had not necessarily been opposed to new ideas. The subject would be discussed at a meeting the following week and the matter taken forward subject to the outcome of that discussion.

MRA 16-201 CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no additional issues to be raised by the Chair.

MRA 16-202 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no change to the financial status reported to the November meeting.

MRA 16-203 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

LB had undertaken a review of the current Sections and made some proposals to re-organise them into a more logical format. This will be considered with the Membership Secretary and most likely taken forward.

MRA-16-204 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS

AP raised the issue of the rotting posts at the Lewisham end of Mottingham Lane and was advised to report them on 'FixMyStreet'.

MRA-16-205 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllrs DC and CR advised that a small pot of Bromley Council Funds was available for improvements to Parades in the borough although suggestions would need to be submitted before the end of March. Cllr Hills advised that a similar situation applied in Greenwich.

It was suggested that we should apply for some planters to be located along the pavement and one on the traffic island between Warr's and the BP Garage (although DC advised that residents would have to take responsibility for future maintenance) and possibly a bench or two. RB agreed to review and put some proposals to the Councillors requesting that they liaise together to ensure that their respective provisions match up.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10:25PM.

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 23rd June

Thursday 22nd September

Thursday 24th November

AGM Wednesday 27th April

ACTION POINTS	When by	By Whom
<i>195-1 LK/LB agreed to check what website hosting fee had been paid and when it expires.</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK/LB</i>
<i>195-2 Follow up with Bromley Traffic Dep.t re Road closure for Remembrance Sunday.</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LB</i>
<i>198 RM-B proposed to distribute AGM material</i>	<i>29 February</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>200 LK would be appointed The MRA's Education Representative and lead a small sub-committee on researching options for Primary Education in Mottingham</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>205 RB agreed to review and put some proposals for improving the parade</i>	<i>11 February</i>	<i>RB</i>

Mottingham Festive Lights Appeal

2011-2 Income and expenditure
statement as at:
29 January 2016

	Income		2015-6
Opening balance			£3,566.70
Mottingham Residents association Grant	£0.00		
Public donations - residents	£1,655.00		
Public donations - traders	£400.00		
Public Donations - other	£0.00		
Total Income		£2,055.00	
	Expenditure		
Printing costs Christmas tree	£80.00		
Receipt books			
Printing costs Chinese NY decs			
Christmas lights	£3,576.00		
LBB Column fittings			
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Total Expenditure		3,656.00	
Available funds Carried forward			£1,965.70