



# MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 AT DORSET ROAD SCHOOL.

### PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton- in the Chair (RM-B)  
Sally Babi (SB)                      Laurie Bell (LB)  
Robert Blanks (RB)                Astrid Chklar (AC)  
Jane Cornish (JC)                 Margaret Henderson (MH)  
Ross Howie (RH)                 Liz Keable (LK)  
Rebecca Young (RY)

### IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Cartwright (DC)  
Cllr John Hills (JH)  
Emer McNally (EM)  
Cllr Charles Rideout (CR)

### APOLOGIES

Bromley SNT  
Greenwich SNT

### MRA 15- 181 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 were approved as a correct record of proceedings subject to one minor amendment.

### MRA 15-182 MATTERS ARISING

Min 164 No action has yet been taken on updating the website. EM agreed to investigate possible solution

### MRA 15-183 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

#### 183-1            Bromley Police

In the absence of Bromley Police representatives RB tabled a copy of their latest newsletter. LB advised that PCSO Kennedy was on sick leave having broken her wrist. He also reported that PC Wilkinson has a supply of anti-tamper number plate screws available.

#### 183-2            Greenwich Police

With no representative from Greenwich Police present JH reported that the Coldharbour area remains the lowest crime area in the borough although there had been 26 burglaries and 1 theft from a motor vehicle over the period July thru October. With no one coming forward to replace RH on the SN Committee it is dominated by individuals from Coldharbour which is not ideal.

### **183-3 Bromley Residents' Federation**

RH was unable to attend the meeting but from the Agenda the main focus of attention is the Biggin Hill Airport. (see also 183-4 below)

### **183-4 Planning – Bromley**

CR referred to the proposal for extending flight times at Biggin Hill noting that the original lease was not a particularly tight document. The Airport is free to vary flight times subject only to Bromley's 'reasonable' objection. There had been very few responses to the consultation from Mottingham Residents but there had been a very high response from other parts of the Borough that were more directly affected. The proposals were approved 29/19 by the Council and 4/3 by the Cabinet subject to certain proviso's being met.

LK reported that a proposal to split a Grove Park Rd property into 2 had been rejected.

There was some confusion over the proposal for a telephone mast near the War Memorial. Both DC and CR have objected to the proposal on the grounds that it a sensitive site. RB advised that he had also objected on the same basis. It was noted that, following changes to legislation in 2011 planning approval was not actually needed for the mast.

It was also noted that a similar proposal has been made for a mast in Kimmeridge Rd.

### **183- 5 Planning Greenwich**

RB advised that no significant applications have been filed over recent weeks. JH confirmed.

### **MRA 15-184 THE FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE (FLC)**

RB advised that he had been in touch with Greenwich BC regarding the advertising banner that has appeared on a lamp column outside Munchies in the Village as this may interfere with the Christmas decorations. There is also a question as to whether it was authorised.

RB confirmed that funds raised so far amount to £1810 although this included funds from only one trader and more is expected. For the record a copy of the current income and expenditure report is attached. RB advised that Bromley had been asked to power up 4 columns between the memorial and the Eltham College mini roundabout and if done in time lighting spirals will be put on these columns. Some tree lights will need replacing and motifs will be fitted through the village. The lights are scheduled to go up on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

RB hoped to call a meeting of the FLC in the New Year to consider changes for 2016.

RH advised that he will be organising the Christmas Tree the following day. (Post meeting note: this has been done with a tree to be delivered 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the same cost as last year)

### **MRA 15-185 LIBRARY**

EK advised that there had been no further developments. DC advised that he was confident that the Mottingham Library would remain and they were attempting to reclassify it as 'core' library. LK advised that there had only been 2 applicants with experience offering to run the core service.

### **MRA 15-186 THE PORCUPINE PUB - UPDATE**

There were no further developments with Lidl advising the PDC to check again in the New Year. It was noted that workmen had been carrying out an asset survey recently but it was not possible to find out who was behind it. It was noted that such a survey would probably be required prior to a sale.

It was feared that Lidl may slip a new proposal in just before Christmas to minimise our time for response. LK advised that it was unlikely we could rely on the free professional advice/support we had last time and the expenditure of up to £1000 for professional fees was approved should it be necessary. LK will check with the Expert in an attempt to find out what costs might be.

It was noted that Lidl had done nothing about the graffiti on the hoarding and it was agreed that LK would put a photo of it on Fix My Street.

### **MRA 15-187 Remembrance Day Service**

It was noted that the attendance this year was possibly the highest ever. The band was complimented for their performance. Thanks were extended to the police for organising traffic control. LK undertook to find out who is responsible for applying to close the street for the Service so that we can be organised for next year.

### **MRA 15-188 Dorset Rd Infant School**

LK advised that there was no mention of Mottingham in the Borough Plan and particularly no mention of the School which leaves it vulnerable although in all other parts of the Borough proposals were in place for continuity between infant and Junior Schools. RM-B confirmed that he had responded to the proposals with a request that consideration be given to Mottingham Schooling and undertook to forward a copy to DC and CR.

DC (a Governor of Dorset Rd School) advised that the school is recognised as being one of the nicest in London and there was no proposal to close it. There were certain proposals under consideration but these were confidential at this time. LK noted that the nearest Junior school is 1 Mile away and the next 1.3 miles away. This could cause problems for parents with children at both Infants and Junior schools.

DC also advised that the Porcupine site was not actually large enough for a 2 form entry junior school, the minimum required for a Free School.

### **MRA 15-189 CHAIR'S REPORT**

RMB provided a brief summary of his recent meeting with Mr Sanderson, the new Head of Eltham College. A detailed summary of the meeting is attached as for the record. It was suggested that we need to keep an eye on proposals to build the new Rugby building.

EC raised concern that Eltham College had held a few functions this year that had run from early afternoon through to past Midnight causing considerable noise and inconvenience to residents of Mottingham Lane backing on to the site. RM-B agreed to take this up with Mr Sanderson.

RM-B noted that dates had been set for monthly 'Bromley Brush up' events for next year and proposed trying to get them extended to include Mottingham Village where litter is still a problem.

RM-B reported that he attended a meeting earlier in the day on Bromley's Budget proposals for 2016/7. DC advised that the Widmore Centre will probably be converted into a School and that adult education in future will be focused on getting people back to work.

A proposal to recognise Barry Gardner had been cancelled as he has made it clear he did not want a fuss having already refused an Environmental Award.

## **MRA 15-190 TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of the latest financial position was circulated with the Notice of meeting and a copy is attached for record purposes.

21 Road sheets were still outstanding but on those received so far we have 65% penetration.

## **MRA 15-191 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

LK advised that she had been trying to speak with Mayur re Sidcup Rd where we only have 14 paid members but that he had been away. It was noted that we still need more Road Reps, particularly for Crossmead and Chapel Farm Rd.

## **MRA-15-192 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS**

MH raised the issue of the car wash operating at AVA cars. JH confirmed that they were operating within the rules and that the water supply was metered. Although the waste water made the road slippery this was a private road owned by British Rail so Greenwich had little power to do anything. Ava cars have 3 years to exploit the planning approval given for a block of flats. It was suggested that a lot of the workers were living on site in unsatisfactory conditions and may well be working illegally.

JH advised that he and his Cllr colleagues had put the bookcase into Mottingham Station and were arranging to plant up some of the waste ground both at Mottingham and New Eltham Stations to make them more attractive.

## **MRA-15-193 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

RB confirmed that the Public Liability insurance had been renewed.

RM-B advised that the offer of funds from the Evening Standard Dispossessed Funds Estate Programme was very short lived closing to applications on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. It was suggested that a list of possible projects be compiled so that we might be able to respond quickly to any future such opportunities. SB agreed to formulate a questionnaire to be put to the AGM.

It was noted that Combined Churches Carol Service will take place on 12 December at 10.30 AM outside the NISA supermarket.

The Mottingham Concert Band will be playing at Maryfield Hall at 8pm on December 16<sup>th</sup> and

St Andrews Carol Service will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

AGM Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
<i>164 Website: Approach contact re updating (Post meeting note – Information received and passed to the Chairman)</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>EM</i>
<i>186 – Porcupine – Explore costs of professional advice</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>186 – Report Graffiti on Fix My Street</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>187 – explore responsibility of requesting street closures for Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>188 – Copies of submission re Dorset Rd School to Councillors</i>	<i>8 Dec</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>189 Take up issue of Eltham College Functions with Headmaster</i>	<i>15 Dec</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>191 – meet with Mayur Patel re Sidcup Rd et al</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>193 – prepare questionnaire / survey for AGM</i>	<i>28 Jan</i>	<i>SB</i>

## Mottingham Festive Lights Appeal

2011-2 Income and expenditure  
statement as at:  
30 November 2015

	Income	2015-6	
<b>Opening balance</b>			£3,566.70
Mottingham Residents association	£0.00		
Grant			
Public donations -residents	£1,630.00		
Public donations - traders	£300.00		
Public Donations - other	£0.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,810.00</b>	
	Expenditure		
Printing costs			
Christmas tree			
Receipt books			
Printing costs			
Chinese NY decs			
Christmas lights			
LBB Column fittings			
LBG Column fittings			
Cleared payments		0.00	
Available funds			£5,376.70
less Uncleared deposits			
less funds yet to be banked		20	
Plus uncleared payments			
cleared Balance at bank			£5,356.70

Meeting with Guy Sanderson – Eltham College Headmaster.

### **Mottingham Lane**

The College has arranged and funded significant tree works including crown-raising and some felling of trees along the interface between the College and Mottingham Lane residences.

Each residence in Mottingham Lane has received a letter from the Headmaster and Cllr Cartwright relating to car parking. The Headmaster is discussing variations which would permit extra parking within the college grounds as outlined in the letter.

Parents of junior school pupils are already strongly and repeatedly encouraged to use the college access rather than via Mottingham Lane. However, Mottingham Lane is a public highway, and the school therefore has no jurisdiction thereover. It must also be acknowledged that the school is not the only source of traffic, since the stables and Mottingham Hall pre-school also contribute. Prevention of pedestrian access from the Junior School to Mottingham Lane is not an option in order to maintain emergency access and egress.

The school authorities are doing their utmost to encourage parents to avoid Mottingham Lane. The Headmaster's planning discussions with Bromley Council will also address the issue of extra, occasional additional event parking on grassed areas.

### **Local Issues of common "Interest".**

The Headmaster was keen to emphasise that throughout any discussions, any rumours of "going fully co-educational" and therefore "increasing the school numbers" are totally unfounded.

### **Porcupine site.**

The Headmaster would be happy to explore the situation with a view to expansion of community-related functions offered by the College. The College is always looking for opportunities to contribute to the community and also to find accommodation for College staff. Your chairman offered to put the Headmaster in touch with the Porcupine Development Group.

### **Dorset Road School.**

Headmaster has met with current executive head, Liz Keable and David Cartwright to discuss issues and to see if there were any options for a joint venture.

The school has an interest to contribute, but no definite intentions.

### **Library.**

The Headmaster said that some form of provision of significant community library services by College staff might fit well located within the Porcupine site, should it become available. Students regularly support community programmes and would help with the library, but hadn't been formally approached by Bromley Council.

### **Horticultural Show.**

The Headmaster was keen that the new Bursar – Suzanne Roxby – would continue to support the hosting of the Autumn Show and that he was himself very keen that this continue.

### **Remembrance parade and other local events.**

The College would be proud to host and 'refresh' such events and this offer was made last year. A new Facilities Manager – Jamie Richardson – was already in post.

**College developments.****New V1th form block**

The plans for this already approved building project are to be subject to a variation which will result in reduction from a three storey to two and a half storey building, reducing the height and visibility to neighbours. All external balconies have also been removed in order to reduce the impact on neighbours and green, planted roofs planned instead. Images are available on the school website. Demolition of existing buildings is expected in the summer holidays, with rebuilding expected to take 12 months.

**Cricket pavilion**

The current tall building is to be replaced with a low profile, single storey building including a 'green' roof to house a school health centre.

**Rugby stand complex**

The intention is to partly sink this building into the ground with basement changing rooms with glazed observation area above. The plan for catering and bar facilities were planned to reduce the need for marquee usage in the summer.



## MRA 15-190

### Mottingham Residents Association

<b>Opening balances @ 1/4/15</b>	Barclays	3003.31			
	Nationwide	9255.11			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12258.42</b>			
<b>Expenditure</b>	Friends of the Tarn		70		
	St Andrews Church		60		
	Raffle Prizes		27		
	Dorset Road School Room				
	Hire		120		
	Mottingham Church hall				
	mtg		40		
	Ray Andrews printing		278		
	PrintingProgress		40		
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>635</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	AGM Raffle		85		
	Nationwide Interest		9.18		
	AGM Refreshments		22		
	Subscriptions		1472.5		
	Donations		9.1		
		<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1597.78</b>	
<b>Closing balances @ 13/11/15</b>	Barclays			2221.2	
	Nationwide			11000	
	<b>Balance remaining</b>	12258.42	11623.42	13221.20	<b>13221.20</b>