



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 8pm ON 20th June 2019 AT THE CHRIS MUMBRAY HALL.

PRESENT

Liz Keable (LK) – - in the Chair Sally Babi (SB)
Jane Cornish (JC) Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)
Lesley Robins (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Cartwright (DC) Cllr Will Rowlands (WR) Cllr. John Hills (JH)
PCSO Sue Kennedy (SK) PS Alex Komoroczy (AK) Ian Conway (IC)
Nicola Conway (NC)

APOLOGIES

Laurie Bell (LB) Robert Blanks (RB) C Borhani (CB)
Edmund Cavendish (EC) Rebecca Young (RY) Cllr Mat Hartley (MH)
Cllr Roger Tester (RT)

The Chairman welcomed Ian and Nicola Conway to the meeting and welcomed back AK and SK who have not been able to attend for some time.

MRA 19- 369 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th March 2019 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

MRA 19- 370 MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS (not covered elsewhere)

370-1 360-1. **Additional plaques for war memorial.** In the absence of LB this item was carried over until the next meeting.

370-2 360-2 **A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk** – LK reported that overhanging vegetation had been cut back. DC informed that further cutting of overhanging vegetation in Mottingham Lane was expected in July. Residents of Layzell Walk are responsible for vegetation on their frontage and will be issued with a 30 day notice to cut it back.

370-3 367-3 **Concerns re the Massage Parlour in Court Rd.** LK reported that concerns which had been aired had proved unfounded. Satisfied customers had been encountered. Customers of other beauty shops had reported positively, other businesses in the area were not concerned.

MRA 19- 371 AGM

JC commented that the format of the meeting should be studied. The meeting was too long, and should either be shortened or start earlier. DC and JH felt that the networking over cups of tea was invaluable, since many residents appeared to be reluctant to raise issues publicly, but were happy to collar the Councillors over tea. It was generally felt that it was unfair on speakers to observe half their audience leaving.

SK expressed deep concern and some anger at comments stated at the AGM and in the draft minutes relating to her personal health. She was very unhappy that there were revelations relating to her sickness record, wanting to know the source of the information, and why it had been revealed in a public meeting. Supported by AK, SK gave the Committee a true account of the issues which did not warrant the comments made. She had sought legal advice contemplating further action. LK and RM-B offered profuse apologies on behalf of the MRA, and agreed that the **draft** minutes would be adjusted accordingly.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

372-1 Bromley Police SK and AK tabled a copy of the report of the Mottingham Ward Panel Meeting from 13th June, DC expressed regret that the MRA were no longer attending the CAP.

Summary of report:

- 243 recorded crimes over last 12 weeks (2018 figure = 222)
- Burglaries 9 (2018 = 12)
- Vehicle Crime 27 (2018 = 25)
- Shoplifting 50 (2018 = 12)
(42 at BP/M&S, 6 at Co-Op Kimmeridge)
- Drive-off 3
- Robberies 2 (1 immediate arrest)
- Anti-Social Behaviour Reports of youth trespass in Castlecombe

There followed much discussion, much of it centred on BP/M&S. I&NC related personal experience of incidents of shoplifting. They reported that staff were terrified and frustrated.

AK and SK informed the Committee with the following comments:

- “Bin-Raider” from Mottingham Road – Arrested, charged with 22 offences. Now evicted and also charged with knife possession and given jail sentence.
- At a recent meeting with BP, it was reported that BP have a ‘no challenge’ policy for fear of escalation.
- Safer Neighbourhood Team not included in reporting, they were responded to by the Mobile Police Teams – this was frustrating for and reflects badly on the SNT.
- CCTV of all incidents and potential suspects are circulated to police across the Borough.
- Over the last 12 weeks there have been 50 reports of shoplifting 42 of which were recorded at the BP venue.
- ‘Design Out Crime’ Unit to visit BP next week, but shop layout is corporate and unlikely to change.
- Security guard would help, but not in company’s policies to challenge.
- Shoplifting is not a high priority for the criminal courts. Sentences are too light.
- Drive-off crimes have insignificant economic impact on BP.

Alcohol Licensing

LK raised the issue of liquor licensing by Bromley Council at BP/M&S. DC indicated that the liquor licence could not be withdrawn unless reported problems were sufficiently related to the licence. Regular licensing visits had been satisfactory.

372-2 Greenwich Police There was no information available.

372-3 Bromley Residents' Federation nothing to report

372-4 Bromley Planning The proposed conversion into 5 flats of 60, Grove Park Road has been refused, but may return. *(Post meeting note: separate applications for a loft conversion and Ground Floor extension have been submitted and subsequently withdrawn. A new 'permitted development' notification has been submitted.)*

Suspicious out-of-hours activities at Econo-Pizza have been witnessed, but not properly documented. A licensing application for night operation via mobile apps was granted despite opposition from the MRA.

372-5 Greenwich Planning There are no significant planning apps from Greenwich although it is interesting that having had an application to knock down the existing garage and build a single storey side extension at 609 Sidcup Rd refused, another application has appeared for a 2 storey rear extension at the same site.

372-6 Festive Lights LB had reported the malfunctioning lights outside BP to the Council. A council officer had said that the spiral lamps should be removed at MRA expense between displays. DC had agreed to investigate & discuss the issue with Council Chief Exec. DC also reported that the Council wanted to charge for electricity, but it was suggested that we await an invoice.

MRA 19- 373 CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to add that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

MRA 19- 374 TREASURER'S REPORT

There have been no transactions since the last report

MRA 19- 375 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

LR reported that additional membership cards had been ordered. The Rep for Luxfield Road has resigned. Distribution of the Lidl flyer to all doors imminent. The Summer Newsletter is with the printer and expected to be available for distribution with membership subscription collection next week. LR also raised the issue of alternative means of subs collection. RM-B suggested PayPal or contactless devices. Need to discuss with treasurer, but this would change the dynamic of meeting and greeting, and also of keeping tabs on membership and payments.

MRA 19-376 THE PORCUPINE PUB

SB reported back from the PDC meeting on Monday evening that Lidl had done a considerable amount of homework to address previous objections. It was reported that the MRA not the PDC had been invited to a meeting between Bromley Council and Lidl which took place in January.

Attendees at the PDC meeting had agreed to investigate particular environmental aspects in order to add separately emphasised responses to the Lidl application the Council Planners. SB has offered to research air-quality impact, particularly relating to children using the library and its diminished pavement. It was also decided that the MRA and PDC should enter separate objections with different emphasis rather than a single objection.

DC stated that he and WR were prepared to support the MRA's objections but enquired as to the overall aim of the PDC. LK mentioned a meeting with Bob Neill MP, where a possible Compulsory Purchase Order for the Porcupine site was discussed. The value of the site in a CPO, which is formula-derived, was low in relation to the market value of the site.

At the meeting the MRA sought assurances that a full service Public House was envisaged. I and NC also expressed interest in potential community facilities on the site. It was acknowledged that there is a significant need for secure family homes for social rent and this could make good use of some of the site. DC reported that, although he had not attended the meeting with Bob Neill, Bromley Council is currently buying land for the construction of temporary accommodation.

MRA 19-377 LOCAL ISSUES & MEMBERS' CONCERNS

Layzell Walk/Mottingham Lane (N) Greenery Covered under 370-2 above

MRA 19- 378 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jumble Trail I & NC asked if this exercise, currently centred on the Kimmeridge Road area was to be repeated and could it be extended to the Village. SB advised that she did not think it would be repeated this year. Others were not familiar with the subject but SB we should find out more.

Front Garden clean up. DC requested that members of the public report unkempt front gardens to Council Officers who will require owners/Landlords to take remedial action. If they fail to respond the Council has the power to take action and invoice the owners/landlords for the cost. Information on this to be posted on the MRA website.

Dates of the remaining 2019 meetings are:

Executive Committee meetings:

Thursday 19th September; and
Thursday 28th November

There being no other business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 21.50

ACTION POINTS		When by	By whom
370.1	Additional plaques for war memorial.	ASAP	LB
371	AGM Draft Minutes to be amended	ASAP	RB
372-6	Festive Lights – Bromley’s requirement that spirals be removed and that electricity be charged for.	ASAP	DC
378	Jumble Trail – Further investigation required	ASAP	SB
378	Front Garden clean up- Info to be posted on website	ASAP	RM-B