



WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Kingswood Residents Association

**KRA Meeting
Monday 2 December 2013**

Present: Ken, Mary, Beryl, Joy, Emma, Marissa, Mags, Tim, Sam, Averil, Mike, Pat, Bill, John, Mel, Sue, Barbara, Glen, Stan

Apologies: Andy, Shirley, Arthur, Rita, Derek, Keith

John opening the meeting by welcoming Bill to the meeting and made a short speech, mentioning Bill's sterling work over 17 years service to the KRA. John then presented Bill with a long service gift.

Bill responded with thanks and said he had enjoyed his time with the KRA and especially with the help of Mary over the last 6 months. He thanked Mike for his support in getting the accounts done and also said it was encouraging to see so many new faces and long may it continue.

Matters Arising

Parking at the shops – Tim spoke to the Officer at the Town Hall who said Herts Traffic said the layout was the best we could get. John asked if this could be pursued – Tim to action.

Letterheads – Glen said the minimum order is 1,000 and cost around £50. It was agreed that the logo would be put onto letters and printed by the Secretary.

Service road – still ongoing.

Fly tipping – ongoing and would appear to be almost non-existent at the moment. There has been one prosecution for fly tipping. The poles would cost £65 each, into the ground, the signs could be over metal or composite.

Chairman

The trip to Bognor was successful.

Thanks to Emma and Marissa for the first KRA children's Christmas party. It was very well received and many messages have been received expressing their enjoyment. Expenditure has come within budget.

Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

Planning and Information

Nothing to report on planning.

No luck with a Street Rep for Ash Close.

Secretary

Nothing to report.

Treasurer

Jean-Michel was not at the meeting.

John estimates our balance to be in the region of £7,200 based on expenditure and the balance from last month of £7,756.95.

Member stands at 682.

Facebook – 438 members.

Fundraising

It was asked if Street Reps could write the initials of the street on the Lucky House tickets.

Editor

Praise for the colour edition and the inclusion of the winners of the photographic competition.

The winner was offered a trip to London to meet with the "judge" and visit his studio. This was declined. The photographs will be enlarged and framed and presented at the AGM.

Suggestions for possible trips and events for next year have been passed to Pat for Karen.

Deadline Friday 13 December for newsletter submissions.

There will be no LHD results in the next newsletter. These will be published in January.

Would like to have a calendar of social events.

John asked about the cost of colour printing - £100 extra – and suggested doing colour for January and including some photos from the children's Christmas party.

Social

Bognor was a good trip and also the last trip for Pat as organizer.

Pat has found someone to take over this role.

Now need to book the Spring trip.

John also mentioned we now need a Treasurer.

£40 is owed to Pat in respect of the driver on the Bognor trip – John to organize payment.

Street Reps

Mike mentioned the year end accounts and has previously done these in the past and is quite happy to carry on.

Jean-Michel will do the year end and have these ready.

Pat will do an article about the holiday to include photographs.

Pat gave Tim as list of a few items that needed action that had been noticed around the estate.

Any Other Business

Payment of expenses will continue.

Sam asked about banking.

John has spoken to the School and they would like to get more involved with the KRA. The use of the hall was offered subject to dates. Will have to sound out on Facebook to see if there is any interest in attending the AGM. The use of the hall to be decided in January.

John discussed the various Resident's Associations including Woodside and Courtland's. Numbers are diminishing and it was suggested we have a meeting with officers of these Associations to discuss the way forward with them. Perhaps we could assist in getting them back off the ground again as it would be a shame to let these fail. We could represent things under one umbrella (4 estates) and also have regular meetings with these estates to see how things are going. This was thought a good idea.

John has not yet looked at amending the Operational Procedures.

Meetings – to be dealt with at the AGM. However there was concern about the loss of contact for residents.

We also need to put actions on people – this will commence in January and be progressed at the next meeting.

John wished all a happy Christmas.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next meeting 6 January 2014.