

**LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**at 7:30 PM at Letherhead Institute**

**PRESENT:** Caroline Brown (CB) Chairman; Cheryl Allen (CA); Hubert Carr (HC) Vice Chairman; Louise Herrity (LH); Hilary Porter (HP); Ian Seifert (IS); Irene Seifert; Tony Severs (TS); Fran Smith (FS); Martyn Williams (MW); Ray Ward; P Hawkins; Andi & Rory Ryan; Ray Brown; Pam Chouls; Frank Lynes; Jenny and Steve Day; Diane Gee; Peter and Ann Mayer; Alex Cudlipp; Cllr Howard Jones; Cllr Rosemary Dickson; Cllr Tim Hall; Cllr Joe Crome, as guest speaker; Christine Smith; Sam Bullins; Paul and Penny Down; Philippa Shimmin; Eve Sutch; David Woodhead; Graham Pountney; Gary Stubbs. Total attending 36.

**1 Apologies:** Susan Leveritt (SL) Secretary; Paula Sabine (PS) Treasurer; Ann Cardew

**2 Minutes of Meeting held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>** were approved with a few word changes

<b>3 Matters Arising - none</b>		ACTION
<b>4 Chairman's Report</b> on residents associations meeting with MV CEO		
(a)	Various surveys and consultations were highlighted, notably the meeting between the Residents' Associations and Mole Valley officers. (See link to complete report).	
(i)	Dates for the latest "Transform Leatherhead" consultation relating to sustainable transport, flood alleviation and parking were announced.	Directors to attend the first exhibition
(ii)	A Traffic Survey is to take place soon and a six week Transport consultation with SCC is going on now	
(b)	A "Fair Funding Review", between Government and local authorities is currently underway and may result in local authorities having to be largely financially self- sustaining	
<b>5</b>	<b>Martyn Williams</b> asked committee members to agree the dissolution of the Leatherhead Residents Association as an association, - but with the continuing existence of the Leatherhead Residents Association as a company limited by guarantee (CLG) ( <a href="#">See the report via link</a> ). All former committee members of the association agreed.	
<b>6 Reports from Sub-Committees</b>		
(a)	<p><b>Environment Report:</b> An initial meeting to set up a <b>Flood Action Group</b> was announced for 10 November in Leatherhead Methodist Church, 8 pm</p> <p>The date for <b>Leatherhead Open Gardens</b> was announced for 2 July with an appeal for members to open their gardens.</p> <p>An Update on the <b>Middle Mole Flood Alleviation Programme</b> was presented</p> <p>(<a href="#">See link for the report in its entirety</a>)</p> <p>Tony Severs was asked to report on the loss of trees at exit 9. He explained that a change to original plan made it necessary to fell all trees. It is planned that 70 specimen trees and 1000 bushes should be planted during the next planting season.</p>	CA to attend

(b)	<p><b>Forward Planning:</b> A 3 part consultation project by Transform Leatherhead was announced. (1) Cycle routes/sustainable transport and (2) flood alleviation (both mentioned elsewhere) and (3) a consultation to find what changes residents think should be made to the car parking provision of central Leatherhead in general and the Swan Centre in particular.</p> <p>The Kingston House Gardens Neighbourhood Action Group and Cllr Tim Hall confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with Circle Housing to discuss their proposals for the KHG site.</p>	
(c)	<p><b>Planning (See link for decisions already made)</b> New applications include Blue Cedars, Yarm Way, for part change of use; Former St John Ambulance Station, Emlyn Lane, for conversion to flats; Northbank House, 5 Bridge Street, seeking listed building consent and to erect dwelling to rear of property; and 17 St Marys Road to erect 1 dwelling, and allow habitable space in loft</p>	
(d)	<p><b>Health</b> – nothing to report</p>	
(e)	<p><b>Highways</b> – No report available</p>	
(f)	<p><b>Autumn Newsletter</b> John Wilson has received all copy/and the Newsletter is being edited and will go to print shortly</p>	
7	<p><b>Ashtead &amp; Leatherhead Local</b> –Tony Severs, Trees officer, is to write the article for January, CA offered for December</p>	
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Rosemary Dickson addressed the issue of poor staffing at Leatherhead Station: The advertised hours do not mean that staff will always be available and the blind and disabled cannot use the machines.</p> <p>She has written to Southern Railway and Chris Grayling, and also sought Sir Paul Beresford's help. It was suggested that this should go through the Southern Railways Official Complaint Procedure.</p> <p>b) Christmas luncheon at Rialto Restaurant was announced for Thursday, December 22; contact Susan Leveritt 01372 373090</p>	Attendees promised to write as individuals
9	<p><b>Guest Speaker, Councillor for North Leatherhead, Joe Crome</b></p>	
10	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 9th January</p>	

## Joe Crome

- Elected in June 2016, Liberal Democrat – North Leatherhead
- Spent childhood as a Norbury Park resident
- Attended Therfield School
- Spent entire adult life as North Leatherhead resident where he lives with wife and twin baby daughters

- Manages a local charity, Leatherhead Youth Project, at All Saints Church
- Served as Trustee of the Be@titude Shop, Kingston Road, for 5 years
- Ran for office because of his passion for Leatherhead
- Believes in the importance of engaging younger people in local politics and local problem solving.
- Uses social media including Facebook, Twitter and Live video in order to connect with young people
- Supports the regeneration that Transform Leatherhead promises and as a Leatherhead ward member of the opposition party on the council it is his duty to hold the project to account.
- Has set up a Joint Action Group (JAG) for the Kingston Road Recreation Grounds in order to make the area safe and inviting to all members of the community

Cllr Crome is keen to encourage anti-litter projects and plans to participate in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign in March