

LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd October
2016
at 7.30PM at Letherhead Institute

PRESENT: Caroline Brown (CB) Chairman; Cheryl Allen (CA); Hubert Carr (HC) Vice Chairman; Louise Herrity (LH); Susan Leveritt (SL) Secretary; 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 Pam & John Wilson; Jenny and Steve Day; Bridget Lewis-Carr. In attendance, Cllr. Bridget Kendrick, as guest speaker. Total attending 24.

1 Apologies: Paula Sabine (PS) Treasurer; Rosemary Dickson, Local Councillor; Tim Hall, SC Councillor; Tim Ashton, Local Councillor

2 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th September 2016 were approved with no changes.

3 Matters Arising - none		ACTION
4 Chairman's Report		
(a)	Work is going on to convert LRA communications of all kinds: letters; website; phone; email; Facebook; twitter and streetlife to the a new appropriate format for the new CLG. As blogging is a widely followed form of communication, a new and better blog is being considered.	
(i)	Two forms, one for joining as a new member and one for renewing membership, have now been merged into one form for use in the new CLG.	
(ii)	The revamped website will have links from the home page to all pages: minutes, blog, news, photo gallery, objectives, and a section entitled Good Works, detailing activities.	
(b)	The LRA has met with the Leatherhead Chamber of Commerce with regard to communicating over Transform Leatherhead. On 5 th October the Chamber is hosting a networking evening at St John's School Chapel where Transform Leatherhead and Robert Jolley will present.	CB attending
5	Incorporation of LRA into a Company Limited by Guarantee as of 30th September 2016 - MW reported (see report attached by link) that the assets of the association were transferred to the CLG on the 30 th sept and that the clg is now trading. PS is drawing up the closing accounts for the association and the opening accounts for the CLG. She has changed the CLG's year end to the calendar	<i>Note: We need to have a special meeting for</i>

	<p>year end and is in touch with HMRC to obtain exemption from corporation tax.</p> <p>The six new directors(MW,FS,LH,TS,CA and PS) are now registered at Companies House.</p> <p>MW said that he would move that the Association be dissolved at the next meeting.</p> <p>All stationery(both hard and soft) is in the process of being up-dated/made compliant with the LRA's new status</p>	<p><i>the Directors to review and approve the assets transferred to the CLG.</i></p>
<p>6 Reports from Sub-Committees</p>		
(a)	<p>Planning – (See Planning Report attached by link)The planning report listed 5 new Decisions, including approval for the land adjacent to The Farthings, which will be demolished and a 62 bed care home, 35 assisted living units, 26 family houses and 17 affordable dwellings built. Also listed were 3 acceptances for change of use from commercial to residential in High Street, Church Street & North Street, and a refusal of increased usage hours for the Rifle Club on Thorncroft Drive. There were 3 new applications including 117 dwellings alongside the commercial buildings for the ERA Business Park.</p> <p>FS reported on the plans at St John’s School for a new pool and gym room on Garlands Road; the local residents’ main concern was traffic congestion, and arrangements are being made by the school to minimise this. CA asked about the trees on the boundary, and FS confirmed that they are not going to be removed for the new building. CA asked about the replacement of felled trees on the boundary of the school with Epsom road that were removed for the new science block. FS will check what was specified in the approval given in 2015.</p>	<p>FS, TS</p>
	<p>Forward Planning Group – (see report attached by link) MW reported that there has been no contact with the Transform Team since the last meeting as the CRG meeting scheduled for September was postponed until 13/10.</p> <p>However MW and HC did meet Rod Shaw of MVDC to discuss Church Street. Rod Shaw explained why they had eventually opted to reject a shared surface scheme(largely on the advice of visually impaired and disability groups). The decision is now irrevocable as they have had to order some materials that are</p>	<p>MW</p>

	<p>on long lead-times in order to meet their timing targets. There will be consultation on planting/street furniture.</p> <p>On Kingston House Gardens a response to the representations had been received by all, but it was suggested that Circle would consult only after they had lodged a planning application. MW suggested that we should continue to try to organise a meeting with Circle to influence the scheme they submit and the representatives of the neighbour action group agreed. They will contact MW and Cllr Tim Hall when they are ready. Comment was made whether Circle would even build out the scheme, or merely sell it on to others.</p>	
(c)	<p>Environment – (see attached report via link) CA announced that following discussion at the last meeting about the untidiness of the town generally an impromptu litter pick would be held on Saturday 8/10/16 from 10 to noon. MVDC are providing bags, gloves & pickers, and will collect the filled bags from Letherhead Institute after noon. Tea & biscuits will be served to the volunteers at noon; anyone wishing to participate should contact Cheryl at 01372 370091 indicating the desired picking area, and be at the Institute at 10 if transport to the desired area is required.</p> <p>CA also attended three events: the Rye Brook “Love Your River” event on 12/9; the Resilience Workshop re flood alleviation; and River Mole Discovery Day 25/9 aimed to make the public aware of all the work being done by various volunteer organisations.</p> <p>Volunteer Alan Thornhill has been working with Tony Wynn & Rod Shaw of MVDC in monitoring the River bank between the Town Bridge and Thorncroft Drive, and this close working relationship has led to MV’s immediate clearing of litter, vandalism & graffiti in the area.</p>	
(d)	<p>Health – nothing to report</p>	
(e)	<p>Highways – Roadworks on Copthorne Road are not yet completed. HC receives fortnightly reports on work, and will forward the emails to the Committee, which will form part of his monthly report</p>	
(f)	<p>Membership – Members to be given forms to use in trying to interest their neighbours in LRA membership.</p>	
(g)	<p>Newsletter. Members wishing to contribute to the Autumn newsletter should</p>	

	submit copy before the end of October.	
6	Ashted & Leatherhead Local – article already submitted by Louise Herryty	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) CA commented that the Water Board has removed some trees which had been planted in order to hide the water treatment works from the valley view – to be investigated</p> <p>b) Junction 9 – trees have been removed, by the Highways Agency. TS & MW to check.</p> <p>c) We understand that MVDC is interested in buying Common Meadow, but Cllr Jones said it would not be de-designated Green Belt</p>	CA TS, MW
7	Guest Speaker, Councillor for North Leatherhead Bridget Kendrick. See below.	
8	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7 th November at 7.30 at Letherhead Institute – Councillor Joe Crome to speak.	

Bridget Kendrick

- Elected in May 2016, Liberal Democrat – North Leatherhead
- Full time job as marketing director of an international organisation; she manages teams in London, Houston, Singapore and Shanghai.
- She likes Leatherhead and is delighted to find available childcare from 8 – 6
- She sees Leatherhead as a place where people genuinely care about the community and work to improve it.
- She wonders what Leatherhead will become via Transform Leatherhead : a commuter corridor; a centre for care homes; a Headquarters city?
- She is committed to digital transformation in any case
- She has heard troublesome things about Circle Housing and wonders whether we should we name & shame?
- She dislikes the new charges at the Randalls Road Recycling Centre, and especially the short opening hours