

Bromley Green Residents Association

Notes and Actions from Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October, 2013

All residents of the Bromley Green area were invited to attend a meeting to discuss the future of the Bromley Green Hall. Flyers were delivered to all the houses in the area and notices were posted on the Parish Council website, notice board and in the Kentish Express.

14 residents were present.

Nigel Hunt, Anne Pepper, Martin Pepper, Allen Cottington, Terri Cliffe-Harrison, Alison Tanton, Judith Hunt (Treasurer, BGRA), Ray Horlock, Paul Harrison, Mark Nash, Pete Rylands, Anne Rylands, Michael Rylands, Jan Love.

Apologies were received from Keith Murray, Donna Cooper and Stephen Denis.

1. A brief summary of the history of the hall was presented and attention was drawn to the new protected status of Carters Field (the adjoining field owned by the parish) as a QEII Diamond Jubilee Field.
2. Current uses of the hall were explained – 2 evenings of line dancing, 1 evening of couples dancing and most weeks 1 evening of ballroom dancing. Occasional other bookings. JL confirmed that there were very few of these.
3. The condition of the building was discussed – in a general poor state. PH suggested a structural survey was required so that a realistic plan of action could be drawn up and funding requirements assessed.
4. Possible strategies were discussed – it was agreed that more publicity was required to make residents aware of the hall and also aware of the deteriorating state of the hall.
5. There were differing views as to whether more use of the hall was possible before refurbishment took place or if it should be given a coat of paint as an interim measure to make it more attractive.
6. Everyone present agreed to be involved in some way and sufficient people volunteered to form a committee. JH agreed to continue as treasurer, KM has agreed to be chairman, PH agreed to become vice-chairman and AR agreed to hold the office of secretary for a period of 6 months.
7. It was agreed to hold a tea and cake afternoon on Saturday 30th November from 2pm – 4pm to invite residents to come and take a look at the hall. It will be an opportunity to show people what facilities are currently available for hire and also to highlight the state of the hall.
8. TCH and PH agreed to put together a flyer with photos of the hall inviting Bromley Green Residents to the afternoon tea on the 30th.
9. A further meeting will be held in the hall on Tuesday 12th November at 8pm to make detailed plans for the afternoon tea.