

Bromley Green Residents Association

Notes and Actions from the Meeting held on 7 January 2014

Present: Martin Pepper (Chair), Paul Harrison (Vice-Chair), Judith Hunt (Treasurer), Anne Rylands (Secretary), Alison Tanton, Jan Love, Nigel Hunt, Allen Cottingham, Anne Pepper, Mark Nash, Linda Winder, Gill Gilbert, Maxine Hills, Dougie Mummery and Jim Fitzgerald.

1. **Welcome** - Martin P welcomed all to the meeting, especially Maxine and her husband, Dougie and Jim.
2. **Previous Minutes** – These were agreed as a true record with the following minor changes:
 - 3a - It was noted that **in principle** whatever amount we could raise the council would match fund.
 - 3b - ... apparently Jane Martin, borough councillor, had already offered to contribute **some of** her ward member's grant to the refurbishment of the hall electrics.
 - 4 - Keith Murray had already informed people that the fees would be increased to £6.50 per hour.
3. **Discussion re Sale of Asset** - Judith had received an offer to purchase the plot of land owned by the residents at the end of Bromley Green Road by Adrian Moor of 'Avoca', for £25,000, with the proviso that if he subsequently obtains planning permission BGRA would receive half of the revaluation. The size of the L shaped plot is 303ft x 110ft at the back of the plot x 100ft deep. A sale had been agreed previously in 2004 but Mr Moon had subsequently withdrawn his interest. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Judith should respond that in principal BGRA were interested in selling but would need to consult with the trustees to get their agreement, and if we did agree to sell, we would want to realise £25,000 after all legal costs had been taken into account.
4. **Hall Redecorations** – Nigel reported that R&J hoped to be able to start internal works mid-January. He had received a separate quote from Sampsons for £1,815 inclusive of materials, but R&J had agreed to provide materials and do the works free of charge, with the exception of the kitchen. Whilst R&J didn't need us to help with the works, they would like us to take posters and fablon off the walls, remove any nails and move the furniture. R&J have suggested that the ceiling should be replaced with a suspended ceiling and whilst they cannot do this free of charge, they will paint it. It was agreed that we would not be able to replace the ceiling quickly, due to the presence of asbestos in the artex and possibly the plasterboard, but this could be done properly if the sale of the land went ahead. Alison's neighbour has offered to help with the boxing in of the electrics and spraying.
5. **Roof** – The resealing of the gap between the gable ends and roof tiles was almost complete; soffit boards needed to be fitted and the guttering needed refixing. Bliby Plastics have been approached and have indicated they may be able to supply at cost.
6. **Kitchen** – Invicta Plastics have some second hand units that we could have, but no sink or worktops, but if we purchase these Invicta will fit them. Mr Hills offered an oven.
7. **Charitable Status** – Mark's brother-in-law, Stuart Wharlow, is an accountant and does the books for Kingsnorth Village Hall. He suggested we should go for charitable status as KCC have a fund of £250k for village halls that we could tap into.

8. **Quiz Night Planning** – The date for the Quiz Night had been set as Saturday 1 February. Maxine offered to set the questions with the help of Gill's quiz book. We agreed a cost of £5 a head to include a ploughman's supper, but bring your own drinks. All committee asked to bring a raffle prize. Flyers/posters will be designed by Alison's neighbour for Anne to print off. A sub-committee was formed of Maxine, Anne P, Judith, Alison, Jan and Anne R, to meet at Anne R's house on Monday 27 Jan, 7:30, to plan food. All to meet at the Hall at 4:00pm (*subsequently changed to 3:30*) to help set up for the evening. Alison offered to supply speakers and a microphone.
9. **Future Events**
- Casino and cocktail night – Anne to check the availability of Lloyd and Diane, members of the BG Wine Circle, who have experience of running a roulette and black-jack evening, for Sat 1 March.
- Dates were agreed for:
- Sat 19 April – Easter Egg Hunt during the day
 - Sat 10 May pm - Boot Fair
 - Sat 14 June - Car Treasure Hunt
 - Sat 5 July - Summer fete with an American theme
 - Sat 13 Sept - Jumble Sale (will need to set up the previous day)
 - Sat 25 Oct – Hallowe'en Bonfire Night/Tramp's Supper evening (with hot dogs and jacket potatoes).
 - Sat 29 Nov - Christmas Fair
- Alan offered to supply a notice board for the inside of the hall to advertise future events.
10. **Funds Received**
- Novogas had promised £250 – Martin to chase up
 - Martin to also approach Keith Moon Garage, and chase up Frasier Engineering.
11. **AOB**
- Businesses to be offered advertising space on the website
 - Minutes of meetings to be posted on the website
 - Judith handed a key to the Hall to Martin, Paul and Anne.
12. **Dates of Future Meetings**
- Quiz Sub Committee – Mon 27 Jan, 7:30 at Beechy Mount
 - Next Committee Meeting – Tues 4 Feb, 7:30 at the Hall.