



Alexandra Residents Association  
AGM 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011

### Chairman's Welcome

Thanks to all who have been involved over the last year in the various social and fundraising events.

#### Present:

Neil Ridley	Committee		
Anna Taylor	Joint Chair		
Joel Taylor	Joint Chair		
Brian Braddon	Shed		
Lovell Fuller	Deputy Secretary		
Richard Asbury	Committee		
Pauline Collins	Committee		
Shirley Homewood	Treasurer	Total committee	8
Ken Beadle			
Olive Beadle			
Lynne Boon	Neighbourhood Watch co-coordinator		
Shirley Clements			
Jenny Czezowski			
Jessica Farrand			
Matthew Farrand			
Helene Hayton			
David Phillips			
Jill Phillips			
Winsome Pinnock			
Sue Horne			

Mavis Sherman

Sarah Standan

Debbie Taylor-Russell

Graham Taylor-Russell

Gill Wade

M Waugh

Total members 18

Visitors: John Getgood [Penge & Cator Ward Councillor]

Peter Fookes [Penge & Cator Ward Councillor]

Total visitors 12

Total present 28

### **Approval of 2010 minutes**

No objections and approved by all.

### **Report on social events**

Neil Ridley covering for Adrian Rotheray, who sent his apologies.

July – Garden competition

December- Festive drinks at the Kent House Tavern, huge success

Jan – *Lucille's spot of seaside bother*, great fun

Feb onwards – Come dine with me, groups still being formed

April - Royal Wedding street party, celebratory cake

Long may Adrian continue in the role.

### **Social events for next 12 months**

Jan 2012 – Pantomime, *Paris and the apple of discord*, rehearsals towards the end of the year,  
*Action: looking for stage hands and scene creators.*

Ideas :

Speed Scrabble - multiple sets, groups of four.

Would I lie to You – Like the panel show

Grumpy Old Men – based on the book and TV show

Halloween – was greatly missed last year so plan to get together in 2011 with apple bobbing, themed baking

Festive drinks, another whisky tasting, Alexandra cocktail

Film event – local interest, Shirley has a film from the mid 1970s about Penge. Invite local historian Martin Spence.

Sports events, school sports day dressed up as an Olympic event

October food festival – Beer, honey, local produce

All events to be encouraged to involve children.

## **Financial report 2010-11**

Presented by Shirley.

Subs slightly down due to people moving away.

Shed expense to pay for a clear out. Brian reports happiness at success of the improvements.

Insurance costs are up.

Open Gardens raised £255 for our funds and £65 for the Candle Project.

Bank account changed to Barclays Community Account.

Accounts proposed by Sue , seconded by Miranda.

Ken Beadle, agreed to review the accounts for next year.

## **Community gardening**

Community herb garden is available to all. Thanks received from Shirley to all involved.

Wild garden cleared of rubbish.

A reminder that this takes place on the second Sunday of every month.

## **Publications**

Bi-annual magazine produced by Adrian and Franco, all welcome to contribute.

Newsletter produced by Shirley, information about new residents, births and illnesses.

Website [www.alexandracottages.co.uk](http://www.alexandracottages.co.uk) maintained by Franco has a new look. Anyone can register and contribute.

E-mail updates sent by Anna, looking for events.

*Action: Printed version of Yellow Pages to be produced for those without Internet access.*

## **Neighbourhood Watch update**

Update by Lynne, neighbourhood watch co-ordinator

Relatively quiet, a few burglaries, but fewer than expected.

Smart Water – 40 houses covered and signs erected.

PCSO Julie Pope using our area to build a network of other NW co-ordinators.

Trying to add more residential focus to the otherwise commercial-biased Penge Forum.

Kathy Bance has received an MBE.

Murder near Penge East station, whoever phoned in after the Crimewatch program with information should call back. Botched robbery.

Thanks to budget cuts, sergeants are being redeployed to high crime areas, of which Penge is relatively so within the Bromley borough.

Thanks for continued support.

## **New committee members**

Jenny Czezowski, nominated by AnnaTaylor, seconded Carrie Ridley

Helen Hayton, nominated by Sue, seconded Miranda

Winsome Pinnock, nominated by David, seconded Debbie

David thanked all the committee for their hard work

## **Election of Officers and examiners**

Shirley – proposed by Anna, seconded David Philips

Secretary - Alex Fuller - Nominated by Neil, seconded Carrie

Events – Adrian - nominated by Lynne, seconded Miranda

Chair – Anna will step down in November, received thanks from Lynne on behalf of all. Nominated Joel, seconded Graham. Will remain actively involved, especially in Community Gardens.

Examiners – Carrie Ridley and Ken Beadle

## **Local Councillor Q&A**

Taken by Cllr John Getgood, Peter Fookes also present.

Active Residents Associations are to be encouraged.

Sure Start, youth clubs other than Streetwise, park rangers. Cuts of £3m, £10m, £13m over the next three years.

Estate House put up for sale.

Parking consultation on the estate rejected.

Focus on Penge Rec, greater policing. Losing 4 safer policing officers, keep sergeant.

Tarmac surrounding trees to be replaced with bonded resin mid-August.

Bin near vets overflowing due to domestic rubbish - to be monitored.

Dog bins are not provided for residential areas. Fines are rare. Everyone asked to be vigilant.

Delivery drivers damaging walls – should be reported to the companies involved.

Penge Library – to move to Edgington's in six months. Anerley library to close.

King's Hall Road – 9 houses, plus public access area. 25 year maintenance costs also paid.

High Street regeneration. Maple Road market underused, possibly not providing enough profit to operating company. Licences are available to individual stall holders. Possibility to regenerate entrance to the Blenheim Centre. A suggestion was received to look at the West Norwood model of a community run market.

Old Police Station – speculative purchase, to be used as office space. Protected building.

Age Concern day centre Melvin Hall on Melvin Road at risk due to under use and reduction in Council grant. Approximately fifty percent of staff are volunteers.

*Action: Write to management company to suggest holding a residents event to increase knowledge of it.*

*Action: Encouragement for more people to attend Penge Forum.*

## **A.O.B.**

Events taking place now include Penge Festival and Beckfest.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:30pm.