



MINUTES OF RVR AGM

6th March 2025 (Shortlands Golf Club)

Present:

Margaret Brearley, Clive Lees, Beatrice Osborn, Euan McMaster, Monica Wiltshire, Dave Wiltshire, Andrew Lancaster, Linda Müller, Alastair Holmes, Jacqueline St. Quinton, Denise Biffin, Francisco Trincado, Catherine Morgan, Judy Adcock, Yasmin Winstanley, Kathy Doolan, Donatella Cosco, Andrew Craster, Brendan Doolan, Mark Redhouse, Vanessa Redhouse, Cathryn Mitchell, Rosamond Eele, Walter Johnson, Maureen Johnson, Denise MacDonald, Joel Kibazo, Jay Sharma, Terry Richardson, Sharon Richardson, Fiona Bratt, Christine Perzyna, Adam Grant, Michael Doble, Richard Hodgkiss, Julie Ireland, *Jane Richards (?)*, Liz Smart, David Page, Jaki Moody, Olutomi Elarewju,

1	Opening remarks & Welcome to All & Apologies Dolores Ealey, John Ealey, David Mackenzie, Chris Porter
2/3	We had expected a guest speaker from Veolia who was unable to join us. Instead, we were delighted to have our 2 nd guest speaker: Jay Sharma . Jay lives locally in Beckenham and runs the Community Café at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands with some trusted colleagues. Refreshments such as tea, coffee and cake are available – costs are covered by donations. Jay and her colleagues run the coffee events every Wednesday 10.30-12.30. All are welcome at these gatherings - some 40 people attend regularly. The seating configuration ensures that newcomers do not feel neglected and regulars feel the ethos of comradeship. This community café offers a sympathetic venue to those of us who may have disability challenges.
4	Interval A short break for refreshments was enjoyed by all – to the sound of live jazz from Roland Perrin
5	Approval of minutes of last meeting and matters arising Clarification, correction and details – as required.
6	Chair's Report The RVR committee members were praised (particularly Clive Lees - planning and Euan McMaster - newsletter) for their commitment regarding matters that might be of concern to RVR residents. Beatrice Osborn was thanked for her many years' work on behalf of RVR – she will now be RVR on LBBRF (London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation). The Street Friends were praised for their tidying up the area's hedges and verges – they are always happy to have new joiners to their band. One of the stalwarts of the Street Friends group – Monica Wiltshire – was recognised for her valuable contribution in the L.B.B. 'Nominate a Street Friend' initiative. The Chair underlined that sociability within RVR is improving – as is our recognition of the wider community's efforts – e.g. Bromley Borough Foodbank; the Bromley Street Pastors; the Metropolitan Police South Area (Sutton, Croydon and Bromley); Dee (Shortlands Station Manager) – please look at all our activities in the 2025 Consolidated Officers Report here .
7	Finances RVR is solvent , willing and able to support local causes. Our full financial details can be found on the RVR Website here
8	Location & format of future meetings: No changes expected.

<p>9/ 10</p>	<p>RVR Committee Elections – as follows. Elected Officers: The following members were proposed and seconded and duly elected in the following roles with immediate effect: - Margarit Brearley (Chair) Alastair Holmes (Membership Secretary) Sharon Richardson (Treasurer) Jacqueline St. Quinton (Secretary)</p> <p>Beatrice Osborn did not stand for re-election. No one was proposed to take over the vice-chair role. While we shall miss Beatrice’s contribution as an elected officer, RVR can continue to function and meet its obligations as previously. We shall be looking to fill the vice-chair post as soon as possible.</p> <p>Our current Auditor – Jayne Nickalls – will continue as at present.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Input from Councillors present As usual, we were fortunate to have 3 Councillors in our midst: Cllrs Tickner, Grant and Ireland to inform us and be made aware of our concerns.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Any Other Business Terry Richardson – RVR Member + Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association representative informed us that the last crime summit was not well supported. RVR members were encouraged to attend future summits and to show interest in the issues that worry us – e.g. crime reporting; anti-social behaviour, etc. Tony Illingsworth told us about the community garden (a former pigsty) which is now thriving but needs interest and donations of material to support wildlife such as frogs and newts.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Closing remarks & socialising After the Chair’s closing remarks, the attendees were able to resume their enjoyment of drinks and friends to the sound of jazz from Roland Perrin.</p>