

Biggin Hill Residents Association

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| **Date** | Monday 10th February 2025 |  |
| Location | Blundell’s Biggin Hill |  |
| Those present: Rosemary Charleton, , Kim Cross, Michael Saxon, Luan Hannaford, Peter Martin, David Haslam Annie Webb, Ian Ramage  Sophie Dunbar, Simon Turner |  | |

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| Agenda Item | | Action | Person responsible |
| 1 | **To Open the Meeting** | Peter opened the Meeting by referring to it being a much more lively group than in earlier years and moved straight onto apologies | Peter |
| 2 | **Apologies** | Apologies were received from Melanie Stevens, Tony Scullion and Stephanie Butcher. |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2025** | It was pointed out that the date of the carnival is the 28th June, not the 26th June as reported. Subject to this amendment, the minutes were agreed as follows:  Proposed: Annie  Seconded: Luan  Passed: All |  |
| **4** | **Financial Report** | Tony was absent, but had produced his usual spreadsheet, showing that receipts in January were £105, which were all membership fees, and payments of £289.60, which were mainly 2 defibrillator pads. In the last 12 months we spent £1,024.80 on defibrillators, £546 of which was funded by the airport. The closing bank balance for January was £1,861.10.  The Choi Pin restaurant have given us £300, following the very successful Chinese New Year lunch which showed a net profit of £200. The details of that will appear in the February spreadsheet.  Thanks to Annie for organising the lunch, and to Tony for the spreadsheet.. | Tony |
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| **5** | **Requests for Funding** | Peter would like a sum of money (£200) earmarked for the Save Our Spitfire campaign. Sophie said this should be a provisional starting amount with an upper limit, and also it should be named a current community fund or similar, so people know where these funds are going.  This motion was proposed by Peter, seconded by David, and passed by all.  Peter added that the Chronicle will do a free Ad. | Peter |
| **6** | **IT Update** | Ian has been working on the website, which is working fine, and access is also fine. Mail Chimp is having a few issues- this is an ongoing problem with Gmail, and Ian is working with Tim on this.  Peter requested a new QR code going straight to the Spitfire site.  Sophie asked Ian to look into a site for people abroad to re-connect with Biggin Hill |  |
| **7** | **Publicity** | Luan is using the Camba App to advertise, and has done posters for St George’s Day, the Litter Pick, the Teddy Bear’s picnic (which is being organised by Annie in the Spitfire at lunchtime, and the quiz night, where the questions are being set by Kim. | Luan |
| **8** | **Social Events** | The AGM was agreed for the 6th October at the New Life Church.  Luan suggested a membership event, and Xmas events were also mooted, for later discussion.  Choi Pin suggested a meal in July, and more events for members were proposed.  Peter said he would arrange for Lynne to come to the next meeting to talk about arrangements for the St George’s Day Social.  29th November was agreed for an Xmas food and drink tasting event | Peter |
| **9** | **Defibrillators** | We get £500 from the airport for the batteries. Peter agreed to check with Stephanie about the registration. | Steph. |
| **10** | **The Spitfire Centre** | It was suggested that we set up BHRA as a charity to get the tax back, and Peter handed out a leaflet “setting up a charity” to David and Simon to look at.  Sophie said that Trustees (usually 3), should be outside Biggin Hill, and she was not willing to be a trustee.  Peter has organised a petition, with the aim of getting at least 1,500 signatures, to get in front of the Council committee  David will talk to Ruth, the local PCSO regarding youth support at the Spitfire centre. |  |
| **10** | **A.O.B.** | None |  |

**Date of next Meeting: (all at Blundell’s starting at 7.30pm): Monday 17th March 2025.**

**Sophie and Ian will not be there.**