



**Minutes of the 7th meeting of the 2023/24 Committee
West Thames College, London Rd, Isleworth, TW7 4HS
on Thursday 15 February 2024, 19:00**

Present:

Committee Members:

Cliff Assi (CA)	Chairman
Lis Guest (LG)	Street Rep Coordinator
Ian Speed (IS)	Treasurer (meeting chairperson)
Barbara Stryjak (BS)	Campaign Coordinator (minute taker)
Leo Vermeulen (LV)	Webmaster

Guests:

Loretta Hanrahan (LH)	Street Rep
John Hanrahan (JH)	OWGRA member
Andy Sobryan	Street Rep
Alan Willsher (AS)	Street Rep
Tony Louki (TL)	Ward Councillor

NB. Minutes to be read in conjunction with the agenda and reports previously circulated, attached to email from EL, dated 13 February 2024.

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies

Colin Hume (CH)	Ward Panel, Crime & ASB
Ed Locke (EL)	Membership Secretary
Salvinder Bains (SB)	Street Rep
Annalice Fulgoni (AF)	Street Rep
Unsa Chaudri (UC)	Ward Councillor
Aftab Siddiqui (AS)	Ward Councillor

2. Minutes of the 6th meeting of 2023/24 Committee held on 11 January 2024

The minutes were agreed subject to a correction (deletion of the first sentence in item 5), proposed by BS and seconded by LG.

Minute taker for the next meeting on 28 March 2024 would be BS, and EL would chair.

3. Matters Arising (section A of report)

Attendance at External meetings

The next Ward Panel meeting is on 8 May, not 8 March.

HSIOG Area Forum on 20 March will be at St John's Centre, Isleworth, and will include the following items: Thames Water Teddington Relief Tunnel, Telephony Switchover (copper to fibre), and the

Local List.

Next Committee Meeting venue

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 7 pm. BS to contact CH with a request to book WTC.

Action: BS/CH

AGM

TL suggested the Leader of the Council as the guest speaker for the AGM on 22 May at Indian Gymkhana, and would contact him to check his availability.

Action: TL

Subsequent to the meeting, the Leader stated he was unavailable w/c 20 May. BS was checking his availability (and that of Committee members) w/c 13 and 27 May and of Committee members, and then the availability of the Indian Gymkhana.

Action: BS

Otherwise suggestions needed from Committee members for another guest speaker for 22 May.

Action: All

BS would produce a check list for the AGM (with actions and dates).

Action: BS

4. Governance (section B of report)

Membership forms for 2024/25 had been printed and the cost of printing was approved.

LH stated interest in a position on the Committee. BS would circulate list of Committee positions and roles and responsibilities.

Action: BS

5. Treasurer (section C of report)

IS will check with the bank that internet payments to OWGRA can be made without the payer being notified that the name and account numbers don't match.

Action: IS

6. Membership Secretary (section D of report)

NTR, as the Membership Secretary was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Street Rep Coordinator (section E of report)

LG will be away 20 Feb to 3 March and unavailable 22 March to 13 April.

8. Webmaster (section F of report)

LV will add a short analysis of the web stats in future.

Action: LV

9. Communications Officer (section G of report)

E-newsletter, deadline for copy to BS: Wednesday 21 February

The following items were suggested for inclusion in OWGRA e-news:

- Tesco/Homebase Update (Barbara)
- Osterley Park Hotel (Barbara)
- Nishkam (Barbara)
- Grasshoppers' Licencing Application (Barbara)
- Osterley Park Events/News (Edward)
- Golden Mile Centenary (Barbara)
- Crime/ASB? (Colin)
- WhatsApp 2 Stage Security (Edward)
- Membership Renewal (Edward)
- OWGRA AGM/Save the Date (Barbara)

- Area Forum/Save the Date (Edward)
- Cabinet Question Time/Save the Date (Edward)
- Link to Brentford Voice Newsletter (Edward)
- Other LBH Items – Electoral Commission/Register to Vote (Edward)
- Fireworks (Barbara)
- Reporting to LBH Enforcement team - repeat of recent TL item (Barbara)
- Local speed limit reductions (Barbara)
- Councillors' items

Action: BS/All

Paper newsletter and timetable and coordination

EL had agreed to draft the Chairman's report and Brief for the Chairman for the AGM. Action: EL
If the AGM will be on 22 May, then paper newsletter distribution would be 10-12 May, delivery of newsletters to LG would be 3 May, meaning the newsletter would go to print on 19 April. If the AGM will be on another date, the dates would be adjusted accordingly.
BS will draft the paper newsletter and LV would format it.

Action: BS/LV

10. Campaign Coordinator (section H of report)

Tesco/Homebase

Notices have been posted outside the Homebase store that it is closing.
TL would contact LBH with questions relating to:

- Securing of the Homebase site after it closes
- Update from Planning on THB development
- Outstanding conditions
- Phasing of demolition of Homebase site
- Status of % affordable housing
- Financial viability of the THB development

Action: TL

TL stated that OWGRA will need to consider opening communications with the developer. Action: All

Osterley Park Hotel

Awaiting demolition of the illegal building work by the deadline of 18 April. TL thought the OPH might appeal. BS thought their only route now was judicial review if they wanted to delay.
CA reported that the Polish Restaurant is doing very well – the most successful operation the hotel has had for a long time.

Grasshoppers

The Licensing Panel meeting is on 21 Feb. There are 43 objections and 2 letters of support, but LBH is minded to approve the application but with numerous conditions. OWGRA members living opposite Grasshoppers on Wood Lane are preparing to speak at the meeting but are not keeping the OWGRA Committee informed of their plans.

IS will draft a follow-up FOI re Grasshoppers which BS will submit to LBH.

Action: IS/BS

Fireworks

Ruth Cadbury MP has responded with her concerns about the extended use and misuse of fireworks. We will include this information in the next OWGRA e-news.

Action: BS

11. Transport and Traffic (section I of report)

School Travel Plans

BS and AS will pick up this issue with LBH after the OWGRA AGM, as there appears to be no standard

method of preparing School Travel Plans on a regular basis, with SMART objectives and follow-up by LBH. AS stated that all schools have to conduct a School Census annually with information that should form part of the Travel Plan. The implementation (or lack of) Travel Plans affects traffic, the environment and children's health (Hounslow has a big problem with child obesity) and needs to be seriously addressed.

Action: BS/AS

Idling vehicles

Ealing is clamping down on idling vehicles, so why isn't Hounslow? BS will forward the information about Ealing to TL who will inform LBH.

Action: BS/TL

12. Planning (section J of report)

Nothing additional to report.

13. Crime and ASB (section K of report)

IS read CH's report, as CH was unable to attend the meeting

14. AOB

Nothing raised.

The meeting finished at 21:00.