### Minutes of Kensal Rise Residents' Association (KRRA) Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 16 April 2025 **Time:** 19:30 - 20:30

Location: Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise

Chair: Fiona Mulaisho BEM

Secretary: Hazel Williams (standing in for Suzanne O'Farrell)

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30 and welcomed all present.

#### 2. Reflections on Last Year

The Chair provided an overview of KRRA's background and achievements:

- KRRA was formed in 2011 by neighbours concerned that the council was not paying enough attention to Kensal Rise
- Key achievements over the years highlighted:
  - Kensal Corridor Scheme: KRRA members helped secure funding from TfL after years of sustained lobbying...and continue to provide oversight over the delivery of the scheme
  - o Website revamp (https://krranw10.co.uk/) and social media presence
  - Annual College Road Summer Street Party: Led by KRRA committee members, working closely with the local business community and residents
  - Conservation status for Kensal Rise: After years of lobbying and working with Brent Council
  - Responding to various consultations
  - Ward Panel Meetings: Working with others to set policing priorities
  - Tree planting initiatives -over £50,000 worth of trees planted on Kensal Rise streets
  - o 20 mph scheme for Chamberlayne Road
  - o HGV camera for Chamberlayne Road

#### 3. Ongoing Issues

Several ongoing concerns were noted:

 Unsatisfactory meetings with TfL regarding "dead running" – empty buses - of route 28 to and from Metroline's Willesden Bus Depot via the northern section of Chamberlayne Road and Liddell Gardens

- Queens Park Healthy Neighbourhood: Concerns about traffic being moved to already congested Chamberlayne Road
- Property damage from defective Chamberlayne Road
- Rat running on Clifford Gardens
- Poor living conditions excessive diesel bus dominance and high levels of illegal pollution for Station Terrace residents
- Road safety issues (41 collisions reported)
- Air quality concerns

#### 4. Future Ambitions

- Farmers Market: London Farmers' Markets confirmed interest, but council support needed
- Development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- Freer movement of buses along Chamberlayne Road and Safer Road conditions for Active Users
- Call for more volunteers

#### 5. Election Results for 2025-2026

The following members were elected to the committee:

• Chair: Fiona Mulaisho BEM

• Vice Chair: Sanjay Nazerali

• Secretary: Suzanne O'Farrell

• Treasurer: Sachin Patel

• Transport, Environment and Planning Officer: Hazel Williams

• Events Officer: Jatin Patel

• Local Business Officer: Fiona Mulaisho BEM

• Queens Park Officer: Vicky Zentner

• Ward Panel Representative: Sanjay Nazerali

#### **Street Representatives:**

Clifford Gardens: Sanjay Nazerali, Louisa Dallmeyer

• Whitmore Gardens: Grace Hicken

• Wrentham Avenue: Sandra Ndudi

• Liddell Gardens: Vinod Bhudia

• Chamberlayne Road: Suzanne O'Farrell

• Doyle Gardens: Susan Fleck

### 6. Councillor Update

Attendees raised several concerns to Councillor Nerva:

- The running of "dead" route 28 buses in the northern section of Chamberlayne Road and Liddell Gardens. Residents are very concerned as these heavy double-decker buses are causing vibrational damage to properties, with many complaining about cracks and other structural damage to their homes.
- The lack of deep cleansing of Chamberlayne Road and its pavements after carnival. Councillor Nerva took an action to investigate whether TfL or Network Rail, who transport thousands to Kensal Rise for the carnival, could be held accountable for the cleansing or at least contribute to the costs.
- Residents expressed continued concerns about the very dangerous road safety conditions along Chamberlayne Road and the problem of rat running traffic on roads such as Chamberlayne Road and Clifford Gardens.
- Residents re-affirmed their ambition for a Saturday Farmers Market in the Kensal Rise area and requested councillor support. The KRRA has already conducted a survey of local residents and businesses, with findings showing huge support for such an initiative.
- The KRRA expressed an aspiration to form stronger and more collaborative relationships with councillors going forward, with the goal of improving communication, aligning on local priorities, and ensuring better outcomes for residents.

### 7. Any Other Business

Susan Fleck of Doyle Gardens requested that the KRRA boundary be extended to include residents residing on the streets within the purple boundary shown in the map. A vote was taken and this request was wholly supported by all attendees.

#### 8. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:30.

