



**KOVF FORUM AGM
CARMELITA COMMUNITY CENTRE
THUR. 8TH OCTOBER 2015**

DRAFT MINUTES: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AGM accepted the 2014 AGM minutes

A new KOVF Board was elected unanimously and uncontested.

Reports from the Chair, the Treasurer and the Planning Lead were received.

An amendment to the Constitution was agreed.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

- Board members present: Helen Monger, Andrea Hofling, Chrysostomos (Chrys) Loizou, Byron Green, Aseem Sheikh, Marilyn Evers, David Boardman, Mark Harrison
- Elected representatives present:
Cllr David Amos
- Apologies received from:
Ross Davies, Jason Dickie, Martin Osengor, and Cllr Simpson

A list of names of those registered as being present is at Appendix 1

The Chair provided the Health & Safety briefing

**2. Minutes of last AGM, matters arising, Chair's annual report,
Treasurer's report and Planning Report**

Minutes from AGM of 2014 were considered. No matters arising. Proposer: Marilyn Evers. Seconded: Andrea Hofling. Unanimous approval.

Chair's Report

The Chair thanked her predecessor, Malcolm Russell, who had done much to put KOVF on a more stable footing which meant that this year the Board were able to do more practical work. She gave a review of what had been achieved this year through public meetings and thanked each of the Board members for their invaluable contributions.

Andrea Hofling, Emily Elkington (the administrator) and Martin Osengor were mentioned for their input on the practicalities of promoting, setting up and minuting public meetings.

Mark Harrison for the well-informed practical presentation and guide which he had produced for residents and businesses about Licensing, as well as his invaluable input into licencing discussions locally. This exemplified how KOVF seeks to educate as well as discuss.

Chrys Loizou for his work on maintaining and extending KOVF's online presence and reach into the community it seeks to represent. With the support of Byron Green there have been regular updates about KOVF activity on Facebook, Twitter and newsletters, as well as work to manage the membership details.

Michael Keane's enormous efforts were noted both in his role as Treasure and having managed the annual business survey, as well as his thorough work with TfL and other interested parties, seeking to reconfigure and improve the Vauxhall gyratory road system.

David Boardman was thanked for single-handedly managing all KOVF planning interests: commenting on applications and leading on the Neighbourhood Plan. David Boardman, in turn, thanked non-Board member, Rodney Ovenden, for his considerable efforts, supporting this work.

Aseem Sheikh of Vauxhall One's presence and support on the Board meant that for the first time, KOVF was able to work cohesively to promote the common interests of Vauxhall businesses and the local community. She also noted his work on presenting the design guide for the VNEB area.

Last she noted the significant contribution of Marilyn Evers – see below re: Agreed Constitutional amendment.

Helen thanked members of the Board who had resigned during the year. They were Jean Uzoma, who had helped KOVF forge ever-stronger links with VGERTA, and Alex Ritson who had been obliged to resign because of the pressure of work commitments. Jason Dickie and Ross Davies, had now chosen to resign on account of other pressing commitments and personal challenges and she thanked them for their invaluable contribution too. She

invited those present to give all the Board Members involved 2014-15 a huge round of applause.

She appealed for more people to become Board members explaining that as volunteers they gave up their time free for the benefit of the community and more people involved would give KOVF a stronger voice. She added that there was much to do in the forthcoming year with work on the Gyrotory, the Neighbourhood Plan and many things too.

She reported that KOVF had secured another year's Lambeth Forum Network funding for the financial year 2015-16. This was extremely welcome given the cuts the Council were seeking to implement which would impact hard on funding for community groups. KOVF was now in a position to fund a community chest and was seeking other income streams to secure its finances into the future.

2. Agreement of proposed constitutional amendment

Lambeth Council had recommended that KOVF address issues relating to representivity and diversity. The Board therefore agreed to seek amendment of the wording of clause 1.2.i of the KOVF Constitution to include an explicit statement of its commitment to inclusivity. Marilyn Evers was thanked for her redrafting and the proposed amendment to the Constitution were presented to the meeting. Notification of this had been given at least 28 days earlier in accordance with constitutional requirements. The amendment was accepted unanimously by those present and no objections had been received in the 28 days preceding the meeting.

The redrafted clause in future would read:

"i. Involve local people in shaping and strongly influencing Council and other agencies' policies and programmes having particular regard for the wide diversity of the community in the area served, including the equality categories prioritised by the local authority as follows: race, gender, gender re-assignment, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, socio-economic factors, language and health; "

Before it had simply read:

"i. Involve local people in shaping and strongly influencing Council and other agencies' policies and programmes; "

3. Treasurer's Report

Michael Keane reported that KOVF had a balance of £17,291 in its bank account. He drew attention to the summary of accounts (attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes). He explained that most of this money was already committed and therefore the balance would deplete over the course of the coming year as expenses fell due.

4. Planning Report

David Boardman reported that the lengthy process of establishing a Neighbourhood Plan for the KOVF area was well underway and progressing in a straightforward manner. The boundaries were undisputed: KOVF's work had helped with everyone involved agreeing on where they should lie. The Neighbourhood Plan for this area would cover the largest population of any in the country.

He added that the group was looking at putting together a Locality Bid and was putting together funding for buying the specialist software necessary for analysing data in relation to the Gyratory as well as other likely expenditure for marketing and pulling together the plan. He was addressing the problem of non-response to the surveys on planning which he had drafted.

3. Board Elections

The Chair stood down, along with the rest of the Board, while elections took place. Rodney Ovenden introduced candidates for the Board positions. All positions were uncontested. Details of all candidates had been circulated and were also displayed on a screen at the meeting. He invited comments or objections. None were received. For each of the five posts on the Board, 31 votes in favour were received, with no abstentions or votes against. The new Board comprises (see Appendix 1 for the full nominations register that includes their statements, proposers and seconders)

1. Chair: Helen Monger
2. Deputy Chair: Andrea Hofling
3. Secretary: Chrysostomos (Chrys) Loizou
4. Treasurer: Michael Keane
5. Planning Lead: David Boardman
6. Board Member: Marilyn Evers
7. Board Member: Byron Green
8. Board Member: Martin Osengor
9. Board Member: Mark Harrison
10. Board Member: Aseem Sheikh
11. Board Member: Harry Briggs

At this point, Helen Monger resumed the Chair, thanking those present for their votes of support in her and the rest of the Board, and moved on to other business.

5. Other business

Vauxhall One- sponsored police for area

A representative of Vauxhall One, Philippe Chiara, explained that two extra police officers were now patrolling the area thanks to funding from Vauxhall One members and feedback had been positive. Their focus on "night time issues" meant that the existing officers had more time for pro-active work, some of it on

the local housing estates. A total of six officers worked in shifts. Several arrests had been made: seven in one weekend in the area of the Pleasure Gardens.

Community progress on consultation relating to trees and pavements in Bonnington Square

Long-term Bonnington Square resident, Jimmy Fraser, spoke about the successful, resident-led greening of the public spaces of Bonnington Square and surrounding streets. Drawing on his horticultural expertise, he had led the way in making sure that trees and shrubs which were planted were well-cared for by residents, particularly in the early years when their root systems were still fragile. So that they had an above average survival rate for street plantings. The residents had agreed that they wanted rarer species - "heritage" trees - which would enhance the area's appearance and they were delighted that the area had become something of a tourist attraction for visitors seeking to see a successful example of "guerrilla gardening". Jimmy gave an account of how Bonnington Square had been a neglected area with properties boarded up and under threat of demolition to make way for a school playing field before undergoing a remarkable, resident-led renaissance.

Recently the Council had surveyed residents about paving and upkeep of the trees. It had wanted to lay new paving which would have meant felling 13 mature trees. 50 residents had attended a meeting and said this should not happen. Since then the Council have done a survey and worked closely with residents. It achieved a 25% response, which is noticeably higher than the average rate, which is 10%. 83% of respondents said that they wanted modular paving and hog gravel around trees. Their message was "don't pave where it isn't necessary".

There was agreement that Bonnington Square's planting represented a very successful model which could be rolled out across other areas. Jimmy's key recommendation was that local residents needed to be made to take ownership of nurturing young trees planted near to where they lived so that they would water them regularly. Local residents could also be invaluable at the planting stage: the more generously a hole for a tree was dug, the more room there would be for compost for the young roots.

There was interest from Aseem Sheikh who suggested that VauxhallOne might be able to justify paying towards the costs of new paving since Bonnington Square had become a tourist attraction which brought visitors, and their business, to the area.

Mark Harrison cautioned that some of the residents' favoured paving options might be too costly to be feasible for wider Council-funded implementation. He welcomed the idea of VauxhallOne funding for new paving in Bonnington Square

Vauxhall One Survey and Proposals for Co-operative Parks Management in KOVF area

Aseem Sheikh explained that, in the face of cuts to park maintenance services and austerity, Lambeth Council had been forced to consider new ways of making sure its parks were managed. Its brief was to 'sweat the assets' and it had invited to express its interest in managing parks in Vauxhall. VauxhallOne welcomed the challenge and had put a survey on its website inviting feedback on the proposal along with a Lambeth Council paper outlining the proposal. He urged those present to complete the survey.

5. AOB

Poor build quality on CS7

Christian Cull, a cyclist and user of CS7, which passed through Kennington Park Road, showed some photographs showing the disintegration of the cycleway. He argued that for such a newly-laid surface the contractor should be made to repair it free-of-charge. He wanted TfL to be made aware of the problem. Michael Keane undertook to liaise with the TfL project manager responsible. The Chair thanked Christian Cull for contacting KOVF and contributing useful information to the meeting.

The Chair announced the following dates and events:

Knight's Walk project event: 13 October

There would be a public exhibition of the Knight's Walk project proposals. It would take place at the Cinema Museum from 6.30pm on Tue 13 October.

'Visioning Vauxhall'

Lambeth Council was running a consultation entitled "Visioning Vauxhall". Details had already been circulated by KOVF explaining how to give feedback and people were urged to respond.

Glasshouse Walk Playground award nomination

The Glasshouse Walk Playground had been nominated for a Community Pride award.

Oval Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Team AGM – 21 October

The Oval Ward AGM would take place on 21 Wed Oct at 7pm at the Travelodge.

Future plans for KOVF

The Chair explained that KOVF would be soliciting demographic information from its members in future. This was driven by Lambeth Council's request for KOVF to monitor the composition of its membership. There was no obligation on members to supply the data, although it would be very helpful to show KOVF's representativity, however, in accordance with the amendment in the constitution just agreed it was now important that KOVF attempts to collect this information.

Announcements from the floor included:

GLA and mayoral hustings

Michael Keane reported that KOVF planned to host hustings for the GLA and mayoral elections in April 2016. They would take place at the Oval Farmer's Market.

Oval Triangle: estimated date of completion of works

Michael Keane reported that works at the Oval Triangle should be finished in March or April 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Appendix 1 - Registration list of those present (who had signed in)

Tony Cowan
Chrysostomos Loizou
Crispian Culi
Carroll Falconer
T Hoare
Helen Monger
Rosemary Love
David Boardman
Michael Keane
Andrea Hofling
Emily Elkington
S E Reid
Jimmy Fraser
Biddy Bunzl
Marilyn Evers
Peter Turlik
Rodney Ovenden
Tony Maxwell
Susan Smith
Clarissa Matthews
Phillipe Chiarella
Mark Harrison
Fabian Richter
Jean Nicholson
Cllr David Amos
Byron Green
Polly Freeman
Asha Savoy
Katie Hunter
Aseem Sheikh
Jean Uzoma

Appendix 2 – KOV Forum nominations register 2015-2016 (issued prior and during the meeting)

KOV Forum Board 2015-2016 Nominations


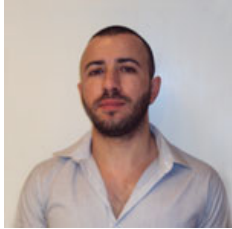
Category 1 Estate tenants associations/management committees (4 board seats)



Category 2 Other residents associations (4 board seats)


Category 3 Business representatives (4 board seats)

Category 4 Public service, voluntary sector and community groups (6 board seats)

Category 5 Individual candidate standing at the discretion of the Board

No:	Name/Ward	Statement	Photo	Proposer	Secunder
1.	Helen Monger (Oval) Proposed Chair Category 4	I have been Chair of KOVF for the last year and on the Board for last 5 years as the representative for Friends of Vauxhall Park. As a Trustee of the Friends of Vauxhall Park I have been involved with voluntary work in the local area since 2003 trying to negotiate a better deal for Vauxhall Park as a result of mounting pressure from a number of planning applications being put forward by developers in the Vauxhall area. I am particularly interested in supporting the delivery of a Neighbourhood Plan for the area and matters affecting green space and open public spaces.		Polly Freeman	Chrysostomos Loizou
2.	Chrysostomos (Chrys) Loizou (Princes) Proposed Secretary Category 1	I am a founding member and secretary of Vauxhall Gardens Estate Residents & Tenants Association (VGERTA) that represents more than 3,000 residents. I'm actively involved in many community projects including the fundraising £165,000 for the complete revamp of the Glasshouse Walk Playground which was completed in 2014 and it was a finalist in the 2014 UK Housing award in the community led projects category. I am a member of the KOV Board for the past 6 years managing the forum's communications (email updates, website, facebook and twitter). Previously I served on the board of the Waterloo Community Regeneration Trust. In the past I have served in the Army. I'm an Associate Director in an Engineering Design Consultancy and a Consultant Civil Engineer with over 17 years' experience. I am the		Jean Uzoma	Alison Masters-Maher

		elected representative for the London constituency for the past 5 years in my company's UK employee council representing the views of my constituents. I am also the Corporate Social Responsibility coordinator for my office in London. Other than my job and community life, I am a fitness fanatic. I exercise daily indoors and outdoors.			
3.	Andrea Hofling (Oval) Proposed Deputy Chair Category 2	I'm interested in remaining on the KOVF Board because I want to continue making a contribution to my community by trying to protect its assets and promote its well-being. As I have been nominated by Vine Housing Co-op to represent them on the KOVF Board I will from time to time bring concerns and ideas raised by the Vine membership to the attention of the KOVF Board.		Helen Monger	John Mullineaux
4.	Marilyn Evers (Oval) Category 1	As a resident of Kennington Park Estate for over 30 years, officer of the Tenants' Association for most of that time and elected councillor for eight years, I have gained relevant knowledge and experience. Our community across KOV is faced with significant challenges and I should like to continue to work with KOV and partners to influence those changes, to maximise genuine benefit and minimise harm.	No photo supplied	Helen Monger	Andrea Hofling
5.	Michael Keane (Oval) Proposed Treasurer Category 4	I have lived in the area for some 20 years and taken an active interest in local community issues ever since. I'm currently KOV Forum Treasurer and am on the management committees of IMPACT (a local resident group) and Friends of St Marks Churchyard. My day time job is an analyst working for the National Offender Management Services. In addition to being one of the founders of the Oval Farmers' Market, I like to take an interest in specific projects. Last year I was active in progressing parts of the Oval Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme and arranged for the the widening of the path used by the Oval Farmers' Market. This year I've been working		David Boardman	Helen Monger

		<p>with Lambeth and TfL on the Oval Triangle improvements and have played a leading role in the development of the alternative plan for Vauxhall.</p> <p>The area faces major changes over the coming years and it is important that the community understands how these will affect the neighbourhood. I believe that the KOV Forum plays a vital role in raising awareness of major developments and local issues providing opportunities to discuss issues in public.</p>			
6.	<p>David Boardman (Princes)</p> <p>Proposed Chair of Planning and the Neighbourhood Plan Group</p> <p>Category 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> retired from civil service in 2005 lived in Kennington since 2007 2009 chair of Kennington Association's Planning Forum, as such appeared at three major planning inquiries (Bondway, Vauxhall Triangle, 8 Albert Embankment) and equivalent inquiry into Lambeth's Core Strategy as KOVF Board Member for Planning, represented KOVF at the successor Lambeth Local Plan inquiry, at the Northern Line Extension inquiry and the London Plan inquiry. Steered the successful application to designate KOVF to promote a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the area. <p>Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall issues are increasingly mixed up: as KOV Board member I can bring our planning expertise to bear on the planning issues of the wider area, eg future of the Oval gasholders, the shape of the Vauxhall Cluster and the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.</p>		Helen Monger	Michael Keane

7.	Aseem Sheikh (Princes) Category 3	I am a nominee of Vauxhall One. I have served on the KOV Board for a year. I am a locally based architect.		Helen Monger	Chrysostomos Loizou
8.	Byron Green (Oval) Category 4	I have been a KOV Forum board member for just a year now and hope to continue supporting its objectives if elected again. I am a cyclist, leaseholder, resident of 17+ years, hold an MSc in Public Policy and Management and worked for nearly a decade as secondary Physics teacher in London and then as a local government officer, mostly in Lambeth		Nicholas Graham Rigg	Daniel Farrell
9.	Mark Harrison (Princes) Category 5	I served as councillor for Prince's ward between 2009 and 2014. During those five years I built up excellent knowledge of the KOV area and the people who live within it, and I would like to continue using this knowledge and experience to make a contribution to making our area a better place, ensuring the KOV Forum is as representative and welcoming as possible.		Marilyn Evers	Helen Monger
10	Martin Osengorm (Princes) Category 5	I have served on the KOVF Board in the last year. I am a local resident on the VGERTA estate.		David Boardman	Helen Monger

11	<p>Harry Briggs (Oval) Category 5</p>	<p>I live in Stannary Street and love the Kennington Oval area for its broad mix of locals, its parks and streets, and its unique location so near the heart of London. I care passionately about the development happening in the area - and whilst I welcome more development for homes and businesses, I'm also keen that we take the opportunity to build a thriving community - not a ghost town of empty towers for foreign investors. I'm also passionate about preserving the heritage and streetscapes, whilst doing what we can to make Kennington Oval more green, more friendly to cyclists and pedestrians, and more vibrant. I look forward to working with KOVF to help achieve these and KOVF's other goals.</p>		Priscilla Baines	Fabian Richter
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