



## KENNINGTON

# ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The meeting was held at St Mary's Community Centre, Rylands Road, on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 6pm.

- 1. Welcome and introduction by the Chair of Kennington Community Council**  
Cllr Charles Ellis, Vice Chair of Kennington Community Council, welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly for Kennington.  
He explained that the Annual Assembly was a public meeting for residents of Kennington and was an opportunity to hear about the activities of the Community council, to ask questions and seek answers from Councillors.  
The first part of the meeting would be formal and minutes will be taken, but at the close of this section there would be an informal opportunity to meet Councillors and to meet representatives from other voluntary groups in our area that have attended today.  
Although everyone was welcome to attend, only those who were electors and registered in Kennington could ask to speak or vote on a matter if a vote was requested.
- 2. Members Present and Apologies for Absence**  
**Present:** Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Carole White and Cllr John Seaton  
**Apologies:** Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Elie Crook, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Diccon Spain, Cllr Winston Michael  
**A number of members of the public were also present and representatives from local groups**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 29 May 2019**  
**Approved:** The minutes held on 29 May 2019, were agreed and signed.
- 4. Chair's report on Community Council activities 2021/22**  
Councillor Charles Ellis, Vice Chair reported that this has been a busy year as the Council continues to gain momentum in making an impact in the community.  
With a small budget, we have needed to work closely with other authorities and influence how they spend their much larger budgets. Our success in securing two out of the three major play area investments across the whole of the borough demonstrates this. Over £300,000 at each of the Rylands Road and Spearpoint play

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areas by ABC. £25,000 in adult gym equipment at Rylands Road (£5k from Community Council and the remainder by the Rylands Road Renovation Group of residents. There has also been £3.5m investment at the Waste Treatment Works resulting in considerable reduction in odours.

Two defibrillators have been installed and a third about to go in. We are already in the process of identifying locations for the next three.

Bockhanger Square events are coming in August and further details to be released soon. This is a first step in regeneration of the area which has to start with the people not buildings. As well as a Big Tidy in Bockhanger area, Council plans other clean up days. We need both litter picking volunteers and suggestions for priority locations.

The big challenge next is to start working towards securing funding for a vibrant community facility in Bockhanger Square to really put the Heart back in Kennington. A consultation to all residents, we hope to circulate in the latter part of 2022.

At the same time, we are working with an increasing number of local clubs and societies by providing grants or securing grants on their behalf, to help them realise their objectives and we hope this continues.

To date, some 25 people have put themselves forward to serve as councillors. With family commitments causing some to drop out and people moving out of the area, there is a constant opportunity for more to be involved and help us make a difference in our community. If you would like any details on volunteering as either a Councillor or non-Councillor, then please speak with the Clerk.

**5. Panel discussion on crime prevention with representatives from Neighbourhood Watch**

Peter New from Neighbourhood Watch gave a very detailed report to on Crime and Crime Prevention in Kennington. Clear advice was received that all crime should be reported and the message to Report everything is absolutely imperative and key to raise awareness.

**6. Questions from residents**

No questions were raised by residents at this point.

**7. Close of meeting**

The formal part of the meeting was closed.

**Following the formal meeting, we heard from voluntary groups active in Kennington which included:** Friends Of Kennington Church, WI, Amber Foundation, Dads Unlimited, Kennington Woodcraft and Bybrook Nature Reserve.

An informal opportunity followed for residents to meet Councillors and to meet representatives from other voluntary groups in our area.

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