



## **Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association March Meeting**

Date : 22nd March 2016

Held at: St Theresa's Church Centre, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1TG

Committee Members Present : Andrew Lewis (Chair), Suzanne Alford (Treasurer), and Clare Newton  
( Membership Secretary) and John Fort.  
Apologies: Lawrence Stack (Vice-Chair)

### **AGM:**

Re-election of the committee by the members of EBRA:

Chairman: Andrew Lewis

Vice-Chair: Lawrence Stack

Treasurer: Sue Alford

Membership & Secretary : Clare Newton

Other Committee members: John Fort

### **Accounts :**

Attached: 31 December 2015 Comparative

Attached: Income & Expenses and Statement of Assets & Liabilities 31 December 2015

Income: £402 ( 2014: £583), last year £150 of the income came from a grant

Expenses: £725 (2014: £1265), Insurance taken out is related to public liability insurance, Marketing & PR is related to banners, flyers for campaigns

Loss for year: £324 (2014: £681 loss)

### **Lee Cliffe Update form Donna Inwood:**

Leecliffe Big Local Leecliffe Big Local finished their public consultations at the end of January. We spoke to people at various events – Hertswood 6th Form, Fountain Court, Fairway hall Drop In, Gratitude to name a few. The second stage of our planning is to hold stakeholder meetings to review the data so that we can develop project ideas in response to the comments residents have made during the consultation. In December 2015 we announced that Affinity Sutton are our new Local Trusted Organisation, we have been busy preparing a Job Description and advert for our Community Development Worker – which went live on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Information is available on Affinity Sutton's website and our own Face Book page. LeeCliffe Big Local Partnership has 5 new members bringing our partnership up to 14 members. Some of those new members have already had the opportunity to attend Big Local learning events. Although the website is under review, you can still keep a look out for Leecliffe Big Local information by joining our Face Book page. Here we will be putting up details of our launch and other events and activities we are planning.

If anyone wants to find out more or get more involved please contact our Big Local Rep Gill Hutchinson at [macassociates@ntlworld.com](mailto:macassociates@ntlworld.com)

**Old Haberdashers Site - Application number: 16/0341/FUL**

- Who owns the land? Freeholder Hertsmere, Leaseholder Old Haberdshaer's
- Linked Application – Radlett
- 170 homes
- Previous report on the current site – 2011, S37 Report Max capacity 107 homes, considered developable
- Received an email from one of the local councillors.

"The land is owned by HBC Old Haberdashers only lease it. Issue is how can we let a piece of publicly owned land be sold off for the benefit of a Sports Club that will only benefit a small section of the Community those who went to Haberdahsers Boys School . However , all is not lost any objections can by law be submitted up tp the date of the hearing by the planning committee.

The sports Ground is designated as  
SADM 5.19 Plan positively sufficient community facilities to meet local needs  
SADM 5.20 a Major Green Space  
5.30 Development only allowed if exceptional circumstances are demonstrated  
1 ancillary to use of space or buildings on that land  
2 will enhance activities associated with the open nature of the space  
3 are appropriate in scale  
4 will contribute positively to the setting and quality of the space  
Core Strategy Document  
Policy CA18 Key Community Facilities

Cllr Harvey Cohen has promised that the land will; not be let go. You can circulate as far as possible through your contacts list and get people to object. Written individual objections are better than a petition."



## Aldenham Reservoir Update

MP for Hertsmere Oliver Dowden wrote to Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd asking for answers about the future of the reservoir. **Quotes have been taken from Borehamwood Times.**

He asked whether the company will be fencing the boundary around their property which will close certain entry points to the Reservoir.

Mahesh Gosrani, director of the company, said in his reply: "*The future of the Reservoir should not really be a concern for anyone other than its owners.*

*"It has been there for 200 or so years and doesn't look like it's crumbling anytime soon.*

*"Whether our wish, to keep it open for the public, improve and enhance the facilities for the community and prepare and safeguard it for the future generations, is fulfilled remains to be seen with anxiety."*

Mr Gosrani also revealed in his letter that they wish to host a public meeting in early April where they will present their proposals for the reservoir and the land.

Dowden said : "*I was very disappointed with the response I received from Liberty Lake Aldenham. Unfortunately their response has only served to heighten my concerns. The response I received showed little to no sympathy towards the anxieties felt by many of my constituents regarding the future of the reservoir. The reservoir is a key community asset and has been enjoyed by many for generations, including by my own family. For Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd to make the comment 'the future of the reservoir should no really be a concern for anyone other than its owners' really beggars belief and demonstrates a complete lack of awareness regarding the importance of the reservoir to the community."*

- Planning permission for build 150 houses - looking to resubmit
- Liberty Leisure who own the reservoir are planning to hold public consultation, this was suppose to happen April, no date has been set as yet.

## Buses

- Petition regarding the TfL bus routes: 107 Edgware Station - New Barnet Station (via Borehamwood), 142 Watford Junction - Brent Cross Shopping Centre, 258 Watford Junction - South Harrow Station, 292 Borehamwood Rossington Avenue - Colindale Asda Store 298 Potters Bar Cranborne Road - Arnos Grove Station was signed by 1700 people submitted on 18th Feb. - Lawrence attended and spoke at the HCC Transport Panel Meeting 8th March 2016.

**Recommendation from the Panel Meeting (more detail can be found on the EBRA website):**

- a) The current agreement between the County Council and Transport for London for support of 5 TfL bus services operating in the county is due to expire on 31 March 2016.
  - b) The County Council proposes to withdraw this support when the current agreement expires, which would result in a saving of £390,000 per year (under the contract represents less than 4% of the total contract value).
  - c) Transport for London have confirmed that withdrawal of this support, while regrettable, would not result in any immediate service changes and that should the services be reviewed in the future, this would only be after a full consultation process, to which the County Council would be welcome to contribute.
- The 603, a Hatfield circular route which covers The Galleria, The Forum, Hatfield town centre and the business park is being withdrawn, along with the Hatfield circular 650 routes.
  - 600 which serves Hatfield Station and the Business Park to be reduced to a peak hour one bus operation.
  - 607 which covers the majority of Hatfield including the station will be reduced from two buses to one.
  - 615 reduced from 4 buses to 2 and route 655 will no longer serve the Business Park.
  - The evening service 601 route which goes through St Albans, Hatfield and Welwyn garden City is being withdrawn.
  - Saturday services for the 653 are being reduced from 20 minutes 30 minutes.