

AMM MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 23rd September 2021 7.30 pm

Sidcup Working Men's Club

Attendance: Anashua Davies (Secretary), Donna Briant (Chair) , Ahmad Brooke, Claire Hedderman, Chris Richardson, Pat & Dilip Dakshy, Teresa Gray, Sylvia Malt, Jo Chodha, Richard Crook, Wendy & Steve Perfect, Dave Tingle, Munir Malik, Kathryn Smith, Simon Alford, Anna Day, Murali Surendran, Bryan Moran (20 attendees) Guests: Peter Baker and Richard Honess

Item	Minute	Action/Outcome
1	CHAIR'S WELCOME	Apologies; Chair's welcome and apologies for absence - Apologies; Bridget & Anthony Riches, Tim Collihole Dave Lovelace, Hannah Briant, Tonya & John Kelsey, Grant Blowers, Daniel & Emma Francis, Stefano Borella, Jerry Chodha, Richard Moore, Sarah Miller, Jay Zilick, Antonia Bance, Lyn Ellard, Jeremy Fosten
2	Declarations of Interest	No
3	Minutes from last meeting	Agreed
4	Guest Speaker Peter Baker – on Police Reform	Public services includes police services, it is not just about Bobbies on the Beat. Serious structural reform needs to be introduced. Police disciplinary issues take too long dragging resources and officers allowed to draw salary whilst on investigations. Disciplinary issues could be handled more efficiently. Sarah Everard case highlights how police conduct looked at a high level but no individual officer re vigil, was disciplined). Calls for a single body that investigates police disciplinary matters. A central complaints unit recommended. A

	<p>Guest Speaker - Richard Honess</p>	<p>review of the use of animals in public order actions. Kettling and retention of people’s details is problematic. 10 recommendations listed here</p> <p>Spoke of cutbacks, the work the police service do now includes other services that have fallen through cracks including Mental Health Services and Social Care. This pulls police off other traditional duties. Areas as identified as strong on, zero tolerance of racism, very quick dismissals when clearly evidencing ‘out and out’ racism but Institutional Racism remains an issue . Disciplinary matters now resting with Officers as HR support completely cut back, they do not have the expertise and fears are that they will be exposed to Tribunal claims. Keen to return to Safer Neighbourhood model, more effective community policing. Police numbers do not have much effect on crime, poverty and deprivation dictates. Encourage less focus on the law and police are trained in solving problems, preventative approach, quality training required. Acknowledge deficit in cyber crime expertise.</p> <p>Finally both speakers noted that it was unacceptable that 20 years following the Macpherson inquiry, recommendations had not been implemented and institutional racism does exist in the Police Service today.</p>
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5	LCF	The delegates now having been selected will meet on the 4 th October
6	Executive report	<p>Munir Malik asked about the Bursaries and which officers applied. The Secretary referred him to the Executive report that fully disclosed these details. There was some discussion as to whether the bursary was applicable for cases of hardship. The Chair confirmed that the AMM agreed that this was for political activity only and that a case presented to the Executive was considered on those criteria only and in line with the Bursary. The Bursary is available to all and anyone is encouraged to apply (subject to the guidance). Munir Malik commented that the bursary was being used for ‘bunce’ money, the Secretary and Chair demanded an apology, this was given at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Munir Malik referenced the fully audited accounts and requested they be presented again and distributed to all members. It was clarified that the accounts now audited and presented line by line before all members will not be revisited. Anyone wishing to see the detail can apply to the secretary. Munir Malik has had the most up to date set.</p> <p>The Chair has the 2020 queries to advise back on, at which point these will be signed off by the auditor.</p> <p>Munir Malik advised that he will collate all his questions on the fully audited set of accounts. It is unclear as to what capacity he</p>

		is acting but there is no obligation to volunteer any extra time in addressing these queries as the Secretary has given up enough time already following the resignation of the previous Treasurer mid term.
7	AOB	Joint Bexley Christmas Party on 11 th December. All welcome.