

**Minutes of HOME Residents' Association Committee meeting held
8 pm on 21 May 2026**

	Action
1. Present: In person: Mira Armour, Bob Porter, Carol Porter, Mel de Villiers, Stan Goron. Online: De Rainbow, Phil and Jenny Emson, Norman Young, Andy Bennett. Apologies: Marian Morley The minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2026 were approved. Matters arising from the previous meeting were taken in the following agenda.	
2. Treasurer's Report De's reported that there was £2552.99 in the bank account and £21.16 in cash. The increase was due to a generous subs donation.	
3. UK Shared Prosperity Fund - update Mira and Carol had complained about the standard of work at the Triangle and met with Council officers. The officers agreed to have the border remade to a sufficient depth so it could be planted. The council would also organise the planting as a gesture of goodwill. HOME would need to look after the plants there. They also agreed that the area of weeds near Ashburton Road would be dug up and re-seeded with grass seed, again it would be for HOME to take care of this (watering etc). It was agreed that a better location for the noticeboard would be looked into, though this proved not feasible. They would have the noticeboard repaired (where the glass had fallen out and the paint was peeling). We also proposed to have a panel on the back with artwork, to prevent it being used as a climbing frame. We were also told the Virgin Media box on the curved part of the wall would be refurbished. The committee asked for the budget and spend figures to be provided to us by the council for these works, as part of the overall Fund. We should also ask why the noticeboard is so much smaller than the one by Blackhorse Lane. There was a suggestion for a small ceremony to mark these improvements involving the council, councillors and HOME, but this was not discussed. Mira and Carol were thanked for their efforts.	Mira/Carol
4. Activities: Arrangements for the local history event on Sat 13 June Carol had sent an updated outline of the event to the committee. Irmela had agreed to host it, and Mira had secured a speaker on Conservation areas, Carol was still enquiring about a local history speaker. A quiz about Addiscombe was proposed and Norman agreed to create this and be the quizmaster. A drawing competition (local buildings) would also be run - Mel would ask Bev to judge it. Mel to check with Mira about pens that were available from the Play streets, and buy other materials needed. Norman was asked to arrange public liability insurance. Carol was to speak to Irmela about tables and chairs etc. Advertising: this could be done by website, email and posters, with RSVP to obtain the address. Andy had already put a notice on the website. Carol could supply wording for the email etc. Production of posters was not discussed. All to bring plants, books, cakes. Carol to organise prizes for the quiz and drawing competition. The winning drawing could be put in the Triangle noticeboard, to which HOME will have the key. Leaflets we could put in the noticeboard: there had been a request from the Rotary club; also London Sinfonia, Safer neighbourhood	Carol Norman Mel Norman Carol Carol Norman? All Carol

Street cleaning: This could be done after the works at the Triangle are complete (and before any ceremony there).

- 16 Elgin Road: One application, probably 25/01682, was going ahead with two dormer extensions added. A 9-person HMO. Bob had already asked through an FOI to the Council for the email to Dadoo & Co approving this; it eventually came after some months but only confirmed what we already thought, that the council had decided not to oppose it. Update: Work seemed to have stopped on 16. There had been two more planning applications for it. Bob had asked what had happened to 01682. It had not been opposed by the council, nor approved. It is unclear which application Dadoo & Co are pursuing. The council seemed reluctant to use the legal clause (Section 70A) because it was somewhat uncharted territory. Our MP was to look up whether this legal clause has been used before.
- 19 Ashburton Road: these back garden properties were finished and up for sale.
- 41 Elgin Road: new retrospective planning application for windows. Issue pending. Mira to send Jenny's 2nd May arguments about it to Bob.
- 186 Lower Addiscombe Road: The address had been changed on the council website to be more descriptive. It now reads: access between 186 and 186A and the land to the rear of 186 and 186 C-E Lower Addiscombe Road. This is a retrospective application, with 36 objections and no support.

- We should engage with our councillors (Maddie and Jeet were re-elected) after the results of the traffic consultation
- Website: The AGM photos were not yet on the website. The Welcome and landing pages should be combined (requiring Sam to do a restructure) so that there was a section at the top for important notices, not related to the calendar and date order.
- AGM: Sunday afternoon 13th September: Phil and Jenny, Bob and Carol, Norman, Andy and possibly Mira could do this date. Mel and Marian definitely couldn't.

Where could we hold it? Mel to ask St Mildred's (though Sat 12th might be better for a church), Mira to enquire at the Ismaili centre (though it was noted that we were rather rushed last time). If neither were possible, we could book Clyde Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm, with thanks to Stan for hosting.

Mel
Mira