

## **Cranford Action Group constitution meeting minutes**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **Attendees**

Mr Ian May

Dr Umme Khanzada

Mrs Kamaldeep Sandhu

Mr Shafick Emmambokus

Cllr Khulique Malik

Mrs Beant Sachar

Mr Gian Chakra

Miss Faiza Ali

### **Who we all are**

Ian May has been living on Firs Drive, Cranford for the last 10 years. He is a member of Cranford Park Friends, takes a keen interest in where we live and believes we all have a responsibility to keep the area tidy.

Umme Khanzada was born and bred in Cranford and has seen one of the prettiest villages deteriorate over time. She is the lead of CAG and working towards a cleaner and greener Cranford by clearing problematic areas and planting trees, bulbs and wildflower. The most rewarding experience in doing events, is to see nature moving in to an area has been cleared by the community.

Beant takes an interest in creating awareness of the fly-tipping issues by setting an example. Beant enjoyed the first clean up with CAG and has loved getting involved with further clean-up operations as it brings the community come together, creates awareness for the public to change their behaviours.

Shafick has been living in Cranford for 25 years-was in love with Cranford for its beauty and then became disappointed by the state Cranford has become. The existence of CAG has meant Shafick is not on his own and feels empowered to make a change. The most rewarding experience is that CAG brings together all demographics including the young and elderly.

Kamaldeep has been living in Cranford for 10 years. She is chair of the ward panel meeting for the safer neighbourhood group and has done a lot of work towards well-being and social responsibility and is able to bring her expertise to the group.

Faiza attended the Heston and Cranford forum meeting and took interest in matters raised by CAG. She has lived in Cranford for 18 years, joined the group to make it more inclusive to connect neighbours within the Beavers estate area. She says people want to make the area nice. The more people that get involved, the better Cranford will be.

Gian joined forces with Umme after noticing the deterioration in Cranford and decided to join the group to improve the environment we live in. Gian has been ardent volunteer in all our clean up and planting projects.

Cllr Malik has been living in Cranford for 25 years when Cranford was beautiful village and at that time everyone knew each. Gradually people moved away and houses became rented and the area deteriorated. Cllr Malik used to work closely with MP Alan Keene who inspired him to get involved with community work for the betterment of people's lives.

### **Formal name of group**

Unanimously agreed -Cranford Action Group.

### **Responsibilities-election of officers**

#### **Nominations for group constitution**

Chair-Mr Ian May

Secretary-Dr Umme Khanzada

Joint treasurer's joint Dr Umme Khanzada and Mr Gian Chakra

Nominations moved by Cllr Khulique Malik and all nominees seconded by Mrs Kamaldeep Sandhu and Mrs Beant Sachar.

#### **Nominations of executive members**

Nominations moved by Cllr Malik.

Mrs Kamaldeep Sandhu proposed by Mr Ian May and seconded by Cllr Malik.

Mr Shafick Emmambokus proposed by Cllr Malik and seconded by Mr Ian May.

Mrs Beant Sachar proposed by Cllr Malik and seconded by Mr Ian May.

Mr Gian Chakra proposed by Mrs Beant Sachar and seconded by Mr Ian May

Cllr Malik proposed by Mrs Beant Sachar and seconded by Ian May.

Miss Fiaza Ali proposed by Cllr Malik and seconded by Mrs Beant Sachar.

### **Finances-opening a community bank**

Group unanimously agree to the opening of a community bank account by joint treasurers for funding purposes.

Cllr Malik formally moved to open a community CAG bank account by Dr Umme Khanzada and Mr Gian Chakra, seconded by Mr Ian May.

## **AOB**

Congratulations for formalisation of the community group by Cllr Malik.

Congratulations CAG for being awarded by Hounslow Mayor for our environmental work.

Some members of CAG were not present at the meeting and can be nominated at the next meeting if they wish to be executive members.

Ian May raises for the future- there will come a time when we can resume face to face meetings. Cranford Library which charges or Baptist church which does not charge are possible venues.

Kamaldeep- KBT would like to install bollard lighting around the war memorial green. Kamaldeep is making enquiries as to what this will look like. Kamaldeep suggests email correspondence for executive members of the group.

Cllr Malik proposes a WhatsApp Group chat for executive members only.

Ian- Historical information that will be displayed on the lectern outside the war memorial. Currently there is a lack of information on the war memorial but work is in progress.

Shafick-How is clean up Hounslow related to us? Clean up Hounslow are an entirely separate group to CAG and our focus is on Cranford matters.

Shafick- Evidence discovered at fly tips—how do we ensure the council are acting on these reports?

In the first instance contact the enforcement officer and ask if the evidence you reported has been penalised. We should be able to get some general data about how much enforcement has taken place in Cranford through the freedom of information and environmental information through LBH.

Umme- Can we get every member to back and pledge towards the Mayor's SpaceHive cleaning greening Cranford crowdfunding project through City Hall. Please share with neighbours and friends so we get backing and stand a higher chance of securing this funding in May. This will help the group get equipment, PPE, liability insurance, trees, bulbs and wildflower.

Next meeting- every third Wednesday- 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm.