

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT 26th JANUARY 2011

This report covers the main activities of Old Windsor's Borough Councillors Malcolm Beer and Eric Wiles in the two weeks since 12th January.

Sustainability Panel

Windsor Development Control Panel

Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel (P&E OSP)

Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee (HACC)

Kings Court Governors Property & Safety Committee

Old Windsor Youth Club Management Committee

and Licencing Panel Sub-Committee.

One or both of us actively participated all of the above meetings, or will have done so shortly after preparing this report in the case of HACC, where Cllr Beer will be representing our Borough and 25 other Councils as Chairman of the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council.

Cllr Wiles was again one of a three member Licencing Panel whose duty was to adjudicate on what remedial action would be imposed on a night club which had caused highly publicised late night town centre concerns due to the contravention of its management conditions.

Cllr Beer attended an interim meeting of the Youth Club Committee initiated by its Treasurer, Parish Cllr Mrs Lynne Jones, for an in depth review of the activities and extent of the current and future involvement of the Borough Youth Service since the extensive improvements to the Club carried out by the Borough last summer. Cllr Beer will be following up a number of the issues raised.

We have had further communication with Borough Officers regarding the deplorable accident involving a boy on the school crossing at the Burfield Road end of St Lukes Road when in the absence of Crossing Patroller a car overtook one which had stopped to allow the children to cross. Cllr Beer took the opportunity to highlight the matter when the future of the Local Transport Plan which covers highways policy was discussed by P&E OSP prior to consideration by Cabinet.

We have both been swamped with phone and email queries about the planning application for a gypsy and traveller caravan site off Burfield Road, but due to the very strict Code of Conduct Rules for Councillors who will be involved in any decision on such matters, we cannot voice firm opinions or have any active involvement in the case until we have considered the officers professional reports and other parties' submissions at the Borough Development Control Panel of which we are both members. We find these rules enormously frustrating and look forward to seeing what changes the new government will be introducing when it scraps this restrictive Code.

Malcolm Beer & Eric Wiles. 25th January 2011.

MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF OLD WINDSOR P.C.

Cllr Tony Troughton and I attended the Executive Committee meeting of the RBWM District Association of Local Councils (DALC) last week. This body, which represents the collective interests of the Parishes in the area of the Royal Borough compiled a list of matters which its representatives will discuss with the Borough for inclusion in the forthcoming Borough / Parish Conference, and at Cllr Troughton's suggestion the meeting commenced a review of DALC's role and procedures. As Chairman, I had pre-circulated a detailed report on current activities and wider functions which will be considered up to the next AGM.

Malcolm Beer.

26th January 2011.