

**Minutes of the meeting of the Garrison Residents Association held on  
10 Feb 2025.**

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Present: Damion Beech  
Amanda Gorman  
Lara Meville (Chair)  
Rik Mistry  
Amanda Powell  
Karim Taha  
Charlotte Walker

In Attendance:

Apologies: Nicola Boxer

24.21 **Apologies and Chairs Announcement:** Members noted apologies above.

The Chair informed members that Peter Melville has stepped down as a committee member. Members thanked Peter for his work for both last year and this year.

24.22 **Approve for Publication the Minutes of the meeting held on 09 Dec 2024.** Doc A approved for publication.

24.22.1 **APPROVED & ACTION:** Doc A approved. Amanda P to make amendments and prepare it for publication.

24.23 **Matters arising:** Members received and reported back on the actions recorded in Doc B. All matters arising completed or documented below.

24.24 **Constitutional Review and Revised Draft Constitution:** Members received an update report on the Constitutional Review Working Party. The constitution hadn't been reviewed and needed updating to align with best practice. A revised Draft Constitution was proposed and discussed in particular:

- Section 2, Area
- Section 5a Membership - Age amendment from 18? to 16
- Section 8e the number of committee members changing minimum 5 and Maximum 11.

- Section 10a Meetings - A rewording of this section relating the timeframe for holding an AGM.
- Section 14a Finance - clarification of when the GRA financial year starts and finishes

Members Thanked the working group for the thoroughness of the review. Members agreed after discussion to remove draft text relating to Associate Membership (Section 5)

Members agreed to organise an Extra-ordinary General Meeting to consult residents on the proposal and vote for /against the changes. EGM to be called once website launch has taken place, to give the community the best access to documents.

24.24.1 **AGREED & ACTIONS:**

- Lara, to coordinate the launch of the website. Amanda P to liaise with committee members to agree and Book EGM date.
- Members agreed after discussion to remove draft text relating to Associate Membership (Section 5).

24.25 **Committee Website Development:** Members received an update from Damion and Lara on website progress and anticipated first phase completion date. Members noted that the site had space for community activity, information sharing and local business.

Members discussed local business support and opportunities for sponsorship on the website.

24.25.1 **AGREED & ACTIONS:** Lara, to coordinate the launch of the website, noting that it can be updated as necessary.

Members agreed to website sponsorship from local businesses. Sponsorship would be for 1 year initially and relate exclusively to the website not the Garrison Facebook Group.

24.26 **Members Updates:** Members provided very brief updates of activity /liaison with their assigned community groups. The following was noted:

- Charlotte, Nicola and Amanda G had a positive meeting with Bellway Homes discussing 4.5 year development timeframe,

budgets and community engagement. It was an extremely positive meeting.

- Karim and Lara attended a SGMLC meeting on 10 Feb to introduce the new GRA committee. The meeting was positive, and informative. The SGMCL approach to parking was briefly discussed and GRA asked to be kept informed before SGMLC took future action.
- Damion provided an update on local business engagement
- Rik provided an update on Shoeburyness Residents Association.
- Amanda P confirmed that sheep had arrived to mow the grass on the protected area of the nature reserve.

24.26.1 **AGREED & ACTIONS:**

24.27 **Any Other Business:** Members were asked if they could host two meetings this year.

24.28 **Date for the next meeting is:** Monday 31 Mar 2025 7:45 -8:30  
location Ashes Road.