

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Garrison Residents Association held on 8 September 2025**

**Present:**

Damion Beech (Member)  
Nicola Boxcer (Member)  
Lara Meville (Chair)  
Rick Mistry (Member)  
Amanda Powell (Secretary)  
Amanda Gorman (Member)

**2.73 Apologies:**

Karim Taha (Member), Charlotte Walker (Treasurer)

**24.74 Chair's Welcome and Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Chair welcomed members.

Approved: Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2025 subject to minor correction

**24.75 Matters arising.** Actions to be carried forward to a future meeting, for the Cart and Wagon Shed – Collaboration and Survey, and the Carol Service.

**GRA Bank Account Update** Members received an update about the Santander process of transferring ownership to the current GRA Officers. Despite the very kind help and support of previous officers Phil and Pam the transfer process remains unnecessarily onerous. Members agreed that if necessary Officers could find a more supportive Bank to bank with.

**24.76 Community Events**

**Community Engagement with MP Bayo**

Nicola updated members on her meeting with MP Bayo and members noted that an outdoor meeting for MP Bayo to meet the community is being finalised.

**Christmas Carols 2025**

- **Provisional date:** Friday 7 December (backup: Friday 14 December)
- **Action: Karim** to invite the **Salvation Army** to attend
- **Action: Rick** to contact **Mrs Emmings** to arrange for school children to sing

**Christmas Garrison Glow Up:** Members discussed the possibility of lightning up a few of the key areas of the Garrison during Autumn and Winter. Members noted that it would require a sponsor to finance some string lighting.

**Autumn Movie Night - Members agreed to host another outdoor cinema night on 20 September** (Weather depending). Karim and Damion to organise screen and sound. Nicola to put together a pre-movie slide, advertising business sponsors who make all these events possible. Damion to post a poll on the Garrison FB page for people to vote for their top movie choice.

**24.77. Members discussed planning for the 2025 AGM** - Agreed to set up a working group to work out the logistics, communication and venue arrangements and report back to this group. Members: Amanda Powell, Amanda Gorman, Nicola Boxcer, Lara Melville.

It was recommended and agreed that Mr Kenny is invited to support committee subgroups for organising community events and AGM planning.

**Any Other Business:** Members discussed an incident that had recently taken place and noted that the Chair had also notified PC Alan Palmer.

**24.78 Date of Next Meeting**

The next GRA Committee meeting will be held on:

**Monday 29 September 2025** at 7:45pm (location TBC)