



APPROVED MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

8 MAY 2017

Highfield House Hotel

Present: John Bradshaw, Nicolla Martin, Steve Connolly, Simon Hill, Bryan Wakeley, Nadine Johnson, Steven Johnston, Jerry Gillen, Jill Baston.

Attending: Dan Varley, Cllr Claisse, Nick Bacon, Jon Walsh, Phil Watmough, Tom O'Connor.

Apologies: Chris Klewe, Adrian Vinson, Mark Batchelor.

1. Jerry Gillen, Acting Chair, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** taken as read. No matters arising except on agenda.
3. **The Common**
 - Members of the Common Forum attended two consultation workshops at The Hawthorns. Roger has written summaries of the debates. Jill will circulate copies to the committee. The Forum now has a Facebook page. The next meeting will take place on 4 July.
 - Simon spoke of the difficulties of dealing with the council. Volunteers and a few employees of SCC have devoted thousands of hours to restoring the Little Common to its present state, which is in line with the management plan. Despite a promise from a senior officer that SCC would work with HRA, another officer unilaterally obstructs our work.
 - Simon and John, with assistance from Matthew, will work on a position statement letter as a marker to be set down for future contacts with SCC.
4. **University Liaison**

Jon Walsh reported on the University's recent success in obtaining investment of £300,000 over 40 years, to be used for redevelopment. No expansion in student numbers is envisaged.

Dan Varley, Student Engagement, spoke about the Union's summer scheme 'Ship Your Stuff', where students about to leave their HMOs are encouraged to leave out furniture such as beds, chairs etc for collection by SCC and distribution to charities. He asked members who happen to know of students about to leave to notify them of the scheme. Collection dates are 13 June and 30 June. Nadine will post information on the website.

In response to a question about student noise, which had been raised at the AGM, Dan said that as there are now few large events at the Students Union, no long term marshalling is organised, though freshers' events are provided with marshals in October.

5. Reports

Finance:

- Mark is currently unable to fulfil his role as treasurer because of family illness. In the meantime, Headley will cover. Jerry will obtain a chequebook to pay invoices.
- Fundraising in preparation for an outcome on our judicial review application on 12 Russell Place has drawn contributions from some 30 houses in the conservation area so far.

Membership: database 508, paid up 369, rolling 180.

Planning:

- Jerry has received copies of SCC's defence against judicial review. An oral hearing is to be arranged.
- Blockbusters site: Several members attended a consultation event. There seem to be no obvious reasons for refusal. HRA will not oppose, but it was noted that residents living close to the site will be putting in objections.
- Omdurman Road wall: An enforcement officer has visited and advised that planning permission is needed. The resident was unaware of this, and said he would apply

Website:

Nadine requested that HRA letters of objection be forwarded, as well as appeals results in order to revive the planning page.

6. AOB

The change in SCC bin collections was clarified.