



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2013

HIGHFIELD HOUSE HOTEL

Present: Roger Brown (Chair), Simon Hill, Jill Baston, Headley Rossell, Peggy Augier, Nadine Johnson, Steve Connolly.

Attending: Nick Bacon, Tom O'Connor, Cllr Adrian Vinson, Roret Blue.

Apologies: Keith Reed, Bryan Wakely, Julia Brooking, Nicolla Martin, Jerry Gillen, John Bradshaw, Alison Farmer, Cllr Linda Norris.

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Minutes of last meeting (previously circulated and taken as read).
3. Matters arising.
 - The service for Peter Knight was well attended.
 - Jerry was progressing well and available on email!
 - The website is ready for launching next week, but we will await confirmation of grant award in January.
 - The University does not appear to be interested in alternatives to the Furzedown Road option in the cycle route consultation. We need to press for inclusion of this option in the consultation.
 - The children's party was very well attended. The Waitrose grant will be a considerable help towards the cost.
 - Roger contacted Sainsburys. The committee room seats only 15 maximum and is in heavy demand. It was felt that this would not give us the capacity and flexibility we need.
 - The meeting with residents of Grosvenor Road did not reach a consensus on a meeting with the landlord of no. 13.

4. Disbandment of City Patrol.

This forms part of SCC's budget proposals. Cllr Adrian Vinson has met with Inspector Wickes to discuss the impact of the proposals. There would be fewer people to deal with neighbourhood nuisance.

In this context, the problem was raised of the nuisance of a local resident who persistently and randomly scatters food for birds, thereby assisting the rat population. Cllr Vinson will follow this up.

Roger will write on behalf of HRA to object to the disbandment.

5. Reports.

a) *Finance*

Still healthy. Public liability insurance was now dealt with.

b) *Membership*

Via email, Nicolla reported that the database comprised 560, the rolling total since January was 416, and the total paid up membership was now 449.

c) *Planning*

Roger and Simon attended the North Southampton Community Action Forum. Planning issues formed the major part of discussions. Mention was made of the possibility of Residents' Associations contributing to CAF expenses. Noted.

Bryan had circulated a list of planning applications.

Cllr Adrian Vinson noted possible further powers which may come with neighbourhood plans. He will bring this to a future meeting for further discussion.

6. AOB

- Peggy noted that there was still no auditory signal at the junction by Sainsburys. Cllr Vinson said that some modifications had been agreed after a site meeting, but regulations about what could be done when several crossings were close to each other made further action difficult.
- The police event in Portswood on 7th December was reported as very successful. Roger will send a congratulatory email.
- It was noted that the resurfacing of Brookvale Road will take place in the New Year.

7. Reserved business.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm.