



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on 11 February 2013 at Highfield House Hotel

Present: Roger Brown (Chair), Jerry Gillen (Vice-Chair), Headley Rossell, Julia Brooking, Nicolla Martin, Roret Blue, Peggy Augier, Bryan Wakely, Keith Reed, Jill Baston, Steve Connolly, Nadine Johnson.

Attending: Tom O'Connor, Jacky Barnes, Cllr Adrian Vinson, Farooq Ahmed.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Claisse, Sue Hartley, Alison Farmer.

The nomination of John Bradshaw to the committee was proposed by Roger Brown. To be ratified at the AGM.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Taken as read. Typo corrected.

3. Matters arising

- Grant application. Headley spoke to the Fund, who informed him we can claim for social events, newsletters and the Little Common, all to be submitted in one claim, which should be in by April.
- Discussion on the HMO map was held over till Simon can be present.
- AGM. To begin at 7.30pm. The Mayor will say a few words, then preside over the formal business, to be followed by Sarah Clover's talk. The social part of the evening is set for 9.00pm. Jerry had sent out invitations to other Residents' Associations, and the University. Invitations will be sent to SCC officers via Paul Nichols, and to the press. A notice will appear in the newsletter to go out in March. Roger will consider a press release after the meeting.
- Database. Nadine updated the committee. Caroline has made considerable progress with the database. It will be interactive and will have search powers to help with compiling particular email lists. More work remains to be done. It was noted that security will be a necessary feature. There is an article in the next newsletter; we will await feedback. Roger, Jerry, Nadine and Nicolla had

met with Southampton Solent University to discuss services for the database. They are interested in streamlining communication and refreshing the website.

- Database for AGM agenda.
- Further discussion on the newsletter will be needed. Perhaps one per year for the whole HRA area will be enough once the database is up and running and the website updated.

4. Sub-committee reports

a) Finance

Headley circulated a Statement of Financial Activities for 2012. Expenditure on the newsletters was noted, together with a loss on social events. We could break even overall without the newsletters. The accounts were formally approved. Headley will send them to the examiner.

b) Planning

Keith had circulated an update by email.

- We will oppose the application on land to the rear of 124-128 Upper Shaftesbury Avenue.
- Roret will enquire about the application on land to the rear of 30-32 Sirdar Road, and will write to oppose 42 Welbeck Avenue.
- Application for 75 Upper Shaftesbury Avenue to be opposed.
- Roger will draw the attention of OTRA to the proposal at 21 Westbourne Crescent.
- Cllr Vinson notified the committee of an appeal against the refusal of permission for the subdivision of 13 Grosvenor Road into flats. The committee agreed that HRA must oppose, but Jerry will seek further advice from Sarah Clover. Roger will look into ways of minimising costs.

5. Summer Social

Various alternative ways of organising this event were discussed. Jacky has pencilled in 29th June for use of the Residents' Gardens.

Bryan will convene a meeting of a Social Sub-Committee and report back to the next meeting.

6. Membership and street reps

Discussion held over till next meeting. Nicolla said that the number on the membership database was 633 for the month with 17 paid up.

7. AOB

Peggy thanked the committee for the flowers.

Two helpers, Colin Drake and Oliver Dicker, are currently unwell. The committee agreed to send a bottle of whisky to each.

The meeting ended at 9pm.