

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 12th December 2016
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present. Roger Brown, Chris Klewe, Adrian Vinson, Mark Batchelor, Nadine Johnson, Simon Hill, Nicolla Martin, Jill Baston, Steven Connolly, John Bradshaw.
- Attending. Jacky Barnes, David Scott (Police), Jon Walsh, (SU), Nick Bacon, Sue Ingham.
- Apologies. Councillor John Savage, Councillor Matthew Claisse, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Bryan Wakely, Hayley Morrison (PCSO), Ian Dunn, Steven Johnston, Jerry Gillen.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

The Committee welcomed PCSO David Scott from the Hampshire Constabulary, and Jon Walsh from the University of Southampton.

There were no interests declared.

2. The minutes of the meeting on 14th November were approved.

3. Matters Arising.

It was reported that the activities of the individual feeding rats and other vermin had extended beyond the immediate area. He was still subject to a Community Protection Order and any sightings should be reported on 101 and to the Council.

The Chair reported that following the previous meeting the Vice Chair had written to the Police and to the Council about a number of issues in Portswood Broadway. David Scott said that the parking opposite the secondhand washing machine shop was a matter for the Council although the police were aware of it.

David Scott said the Police were also aware of the nuisance caused by a small group outside a Coffee Shop and that action had been taken against them under the Public Spaces Protection legislation.

In answer to a question, he confirmed that someone sitting while begging was still begging.

4. University Liaison.

Jon Walsh reported on a number of University activities. The University was gearing itself up for the Winter Graduation. There were also a number of fireworks displays, details of which had been given to HRA.

Planning restrictions in the form of Residents' Parking would soon be introduced in Chamberlain Road. The Vice Chancellor would be inviting representatives of local residents' associations to a lunch in the New Year.

The Chair said that he had had a nice letter from the retiring Students Union Activities Coordinator for External Engagement, Emma Pruce, and said that he and the Secretary had thanked her for her efforts and had wished her well.

5. The Common.

The Chair reported on a number of items concerning the Common. The new Forum would have its next meeting at Tauntons College on 17th January 2017. The Association had objected to the University's application to widen the steps onto the Common. This was on the basis of difficulties with the process but also with the substance, with aspects of the application clearly conflicting with local development policies. There was still no sign of the planning proposal to widen Lover's Walk to create a cycle 'super highway'. No response had been received to the Vice Chair's request to the Council Chief Executive for an investigation of officers' conduct in relation to the Little Common. Nor was the outcome of the Minor Projects bid yet known.

6. Cycling Strategy.

There was a vigorous discussion of the Council's proposed Cycling Strategy. Some members thought that it should be supported and welcomed, others thought it a poor use of resources when there were so many problems with the existing cycle paths. The Chair undertook to send in a balanced response that would welcome the strategy in principle but point to a number of problems with its implementation.

7. Reports.

Membership	Nicolla reported as follows
	Total data base membership 508
	Rolling Membership 387
	Total paid up 387

Finance

Mark Batchelor reported that the finances were healthy.

Planning

There were no new planning applications but HRA had noted that the handling of the application at 8 Westridge where a Lawful Development Certificate had been unaccountably issued and that there was now a distinct prospect of an application for Judicial Review.

Website.

Nadine Johnson and Jerry Gillen were commended on their efforts to attract and facilitate advertising on the website. Nadine reported that members could now obtain a 10% discount at the Koh-i-Noor restaurant.

8. AOB.

The Chair said that content for the Spring Newsletter was still quite light. Committee members with potential copy should contact Caroline Knight. The question was raised as to what was happening with the former Blockbusters site and the Chair undertook to make inquiries.

The Chair wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The next meeting will be on 9th January 2017.

The Meeting ended at 8.20pm.

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