

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 9th July 2018
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present. Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Steven Johnston, Stephen Connolly, Adrian Vinson, Roger Brown, Ken Burtenshaw.
- Attending. Councillor John Savage, Jon Walsh, (SU), Nick Bacon, Graham Linneker, Isabella Camilleis, (VP Welfare SUSU), Fleur Elizabeth Walsh, (VP Engagement, SUSU), Stephanie Gray, (Turnberry), Chris Patterson (Turnberry), Kevin Monaghan, SU, Jackie Cowie and Jennie Polyblank, members of EBRA, Katanyna Stanisiz, Elina, HRA members.
- Apologies. Jill Baston, Police representatives, Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Ford, Simon Hill. Councillor Matthew Claisse

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

Jerry welcomed all present including visitors from East Bassett RA (EBRA) and representatives from The Students Union and The University.

2. The minutes of the meeting on 13th June were approved..
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising not covered later.
4. University Liaison.

The University Estates Department gave an hour long presentation of the proposed major developments and improvements to be made to Highfield Campus. These were designed to replace buildings that were past their sell by date and to make the campus a more welcoming and defined area. This was followed by a Q&A session. A major concern raised was transport and parking arrangements on the campus. It was also important to stop on street parking by university staff on the surrounding roads. Jackie and Jenny from EBRA noted that the car parks at the avenue campus were very under used. The Estates Department thanked the HRA for being given the chance to make their plans known to local residents and assured us that our views would be listened to and taken into account before the final plans were submitted for approval.

Jon Walsh and the student reps reported on the usual University matters. There had been some complaints about end of year parties, and that Student HMO's did not seem to be given the same recycling bins as other residents. University Road would be partly closed over the summer break to allow pipework to be replaced.

5. Reports.

Finance. The finances were reported as healthy although the Chair again emphasised the need to top up our Contingency fund.

Membership.

Nicolla Martin reported by email as follows:-

Data base records	470
Paid up total	386
Rolling total	272

Planning.

Reference was made to the application before the Planning Panel the following night for 18 Grosvenor Rd, at which HRA would not be formally attending, given it's previous representations. Elina from Granby Grove reported on the amended plans for an extension adjacent to her property and accepted the slight improvement. There was discussion on the recent emails received from the Head of Planning and the Association's Barrister in relation to a number of long outstanding planning issues both in the HRA and adjacent RA areas. It was reported that robust action was now being taken in every case and the committee welcomed the apparent thaw in relations between the Association and the Planning Dept. Roger Brown paid tribute to the efforts of all involved and gave particular thanks to Cllr Savage for his recent assistance, as with Michael Rudd of Kings Chambers. The issue of more properties being converted to the Airbnb format for letting was again raised and the Chair reported he would be in contact with Gavin Grayer of Enforcement over the matter. The Council's current position seemed to be that there was no need for any action. JG would also be following this up with both the DCLG and NORA. There was a question over the LA's latest position on the Lovers Walk application.

Website and Newsletter. There was no report.

6. Common Forum.

Roger Brown reported on the work of this newly formed body. There had been 2,200 responses to the survey put out. The forum was working on a plan for the next 10 years

As always, there was a problem with resources.

The student reps said they very much hoped to get involved

7. AOB There was no AOB

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8. The next meeting would be 13th August.