

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 13th November 2017
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present. Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Jill Baston, Steven Johnston, Stephen Connolly, Adrian Vinson, Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, Bryan Wakely.
- Attending. Jon Walsh, (SU), Alison Titheridge, (Mayflower Care Home), Tom O'Connor. Nick Bacon, Jacky Barnes, Christine Earle, Sue Swallow, George Foster, Sue Ingham, Jeanne Butterfield.
- Apologies. Councillor John Savage, Ian Dunn, Roger Brown, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Simon Hill, Councillor Matthew Claisse

1. Welcome, declaration of interests. The Chair welcomed the Chair of OARA as well as a number of local resident members.
2. The minutes of the meeting on 9th October were approved with minor alterations.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising from the last meeting beyond the fact we are still looking for both a new Chair and Treasurer.
- 4 University Liaison.

The Chair raised a number of issues with Jon Walsh the University representative where local residents and Associations felt the University were not being sufficiently mindful of residents' concerns which was robustly refuted by Jon. The key points currently causing concern were the closure of the University's Service Road between Chamberlain and Salisbury roads and a resurgence of student anti social behaviour, raised by the Chair of OARA.

Jon responded again to comments regarding the closure of its service road from 6am to 6pm Monday to Friday. The University had offered a meeting with the chief operating officer but the acting chair had been unable to make the date. The University had reviewed their position and were still very clear that no public right of way existed over the land, there had been clear signage that this was the case for many years.

Responding to HRA requests for access for pedestrians and cyclists, Jon Walsh reported that the route did not have a pavement along its entire length and it would not be appropriate to encourage pedestrians to walk along the roadway. There were however other footpaths across campus

It was again re-iterated that the weekday closure of the service road was permanent, as Jon Walsh had reported in previous meetings.

In reply to a request for publication of the traffic survey that had formed part of the rationale for the decision to close the service road during core hours, Jon Walsh declined, stating he did not think this would assist the conversation. He

added that he believed the decision would make very good sense to everyone once the shared space design at the end of the Salisbury Road was introduced.

Answering a question about the relocation of the National Express stop from the University bus interchange to Burgess Road, Jon Walsh stated he was not certain for the reason of the relocation or whether it was permanent, but said he would look into the matter and report back, see next paragraph.

(This has now been clarified as a change due to the loss of the bus pull in which was part of the South Gower development, it is under the pedestrian tunnel, it moved in September 2016. It was not envisaged as a permanent change however National Express has now moved to slightly longer vehicles and so may prefer the new point, the decision will have to be reviewed once the South Gower Building is Complete)

In response to a question from Sue Swallow of OARA about the University's role in dealing with complaints about noise in student HMOs, Jon Walsh explained the University's three-stage process. This leads, if problems persist, with the relevant students being summoned to a meeting with a senior member of the Student Services department. Additionally, a representative of the police or a member of the SCC Environmental Health department is also sometimes invited to attend the meeting. Picking up on a query about whether the University could write to landlords of problematic houses, Jon Walsh said he believed this would be better done by residents, as the University had no direct role in the relationship between students as residents and their landlord and that alerting landlords to complaints made to the university and confirming residents student status may itself be a breach of data protection. See extra comments from Jon in the next paragraph.

(I have now conversed with our data protection expert who confirms we would be confirming a "protected characteristic" so such an approach would be problematic, however we can explore removing landlords from the SASSH accreditation scheme which may provide a disincentive)

5. Chair's meeting with the Leader of The Council.

A report on this was circulated prior to the meeting. Jerry Gillen outlined the outstanding matters he had raised but had as yet had no further response.

6. 42 Blenheim Avenue

A member made a presentation of her family's plans to build an additional house on this site. It was recommended she do the same with the OTRA Conservation group, but no one saw any obvious reason to object to her scheme.

7. Reports.

Finance. We were still awaiting the implementation of online banking. Once this was in place, we would commence the Contingency Fund Raising drive. We were still in need of a new Treasurer.

Membership.

Data from Nicolla Martin was as follows:-

Data base records	508
Paid up total	353
Rolling total	308

Planning.

JG outlined a number of outstanding cases that remained unresolved in both HRA and adjoining areas. He expressed considerable frustration at the obduracy and inefficiency of the Local Planning Department in not dealing with application and enforcements in a timely, appropriate and expeditious way. He highlighted the Planning Department's apparent refusal to decline relevant applications under Sec 70 of the revised 2011 Localism Act, to carry out Enforcements adequately and allowing an increasing number of inappropriate Lawful Development Certificates applications, intended to circumvent the proper planning process. He also gave an example of a recent Appeal Decision by a Planning Inspector refusing further Student accommodation in Nottingham, quoting Sec 50 of the NPPF, because it would upset the balance of the community. Two local current application were also considered; one in Furzedown Rd and the passageway behind Portswood Rd bordering Abbots Way.

Website. Nadine reported that it was going well with no issues to raise.

7. AOB There was a proposal for Mince Pies and Gluwein at our December meeting; Alison from Mayflower Court offered to provide the Pies. She also informed members of a local Dementia awareness group that met at Mayflower Court and invited members to attend.

8. Next meeting on Monday 11th December.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.