



ABOYNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Committee Meeting
16 March 2016 8pm

Present:

Mary Conneely (Chair)	Christine McLauchlan
Brian Benson (Vice-Chair)	Sue Noon
Julia Duschenes (Sec)	Barry Cropper
Fiona Couper	

1. Welcome

MC welcomed the committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no absences

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Were agreed for accuracy.

4. Matters Arising

£50 was paid to FVPPF.

Regarding item 9: both the issues of the footpath on Folly Lane and the empty house Christchurch Crescent have been picked up by councilors Chris White and Roma Mills.

FC to email Look St Albans matters to JD.

FC/JD

Kate Green, Upton Ave street rep, has brought to the committee's attention the fact that the council is considering putting 3 parking places into the upper end of Upton Avenue. This was felt to be dangerous and would seriously impede traffic flow. ARA will make objections known on website (link to be discovered – BB?). Committee also found it strange that members on Upton and Selby had not been notified by letter of this plan.

BB

8. BB now in receipt of all historical and ongoing bank statements.

5. AGM Planning

John Hoade, Head of Strategic Planning SADC to be asked to speak. Should he be unavailable, Peter Tiffany to be approached to explain the workings of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

MC/BB

BC questioned the ability of John Hoade to make a positive talk out of decisions already taken in the Strategic Plan. BB responded that Mr Hoade is in charge of neighbourhood planning which is a topical issue.

MC/FC

Refreshments to be bought out of current funds.

Timeline: 31 March: A5 fliers to be printed by this date (by council). Re-elections: for Chair, Vice-

Chair and Treasurer to be announced on flier. FC to alert designer, Roy.

FC

1 April: To be delivered by hand.

14 April: Nigel Gale has signed off Accounts so BB organizing for Council to print. Accounts to be distributed at meeting.

6. St Claire's Development

BB reported that there had been a meeting of Councilors, Council Officers and the Housing Association but that no recipients were happy with the published minutes of this meeting. There have been responses from the public. ARA wrote to David Revell, Strategic Housing Manager asking him to address this issue and to reassure people and requesting that future group meetings include residents. No reply received to date.

7. Communications Reports and Street Reps

CM reported that she has in hand the updating of memberships onto a central spreadsheet. She has formed groupings of Members, Committee, Street Reps, Councillors, and Contacts, and is creating a clean 2016 list with everyone in at least one of the above 5 groups (e.g. Committee members also appear in the Members group.)

It was suggested that ARA take a stall at FVPF's Larks in the Parks, 26 June, to promote the Association. BC to email FC the contact details for arranging this. Equipment required might include banner, T-shirts, balloons, sweets etc. FC to progress the printing and acquisition.

BC/FC

8. Planning

BB had nothing of note on individual planning cases to report. The ARA's response to the Strategic Local Plan was sent, drafted by Nigel Gale with finishing touches by BB. There has been no response. The SLP will be submitted to the examiner in November.

FC reported that plans for the old museum building (Hatfield Road) submitted at great expense by Look St Albans, may have been rejected. To be watched.

9. Treasurer's Report

BB reported approx. £750 in bank (approximate figure due to subscriptions submitted this evening).

10. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Peter Tiffany has contacted BB with a view to a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being set up in this area (he runs a nearby one). BB reported that the scheme is almost entirely crime-centered and relies on passage of information and liaison with the police. However, crime is low in this area. It was noted that the police liaise with City Neighbourhood Committee on which ARA already has a presence, thereby already has access to the police. It was therefore felt that much of what the NWS achieves overlaps with what ARA already does. If Mr Tiffany were to speak at the ARA AGM, local residents could decide for themselves if they wanted to set this up in addition to ARA and then ARA could co-opt NWS members onto committee. To be considered.

12. AOB

Grateful thanks were expressed to the Street Reps for their collections and especially to CM for her work in this area.

BC thanked ARA for their donation to FVVPF which has over-achieved its initial target by £4.5K and now enters negotiations with the council. BC to check rumours that council is withdrawing all its maintenance from local playparks. Information about plans for the park to be displayed at Larks in the Park. MC congratulated FVVPF.

BB reported on a very successful Litter Pick on 28 Feb. 6 people spent an hour collecting 9 bags of rubbish and recycling and a quantity of large items were cleared from Gombards garage area and promptly collected by Council.

Diary for the Year Ahead

Thursday 21 April 7.30 AGM

Wednesday 18 May 8pm Street Reps

Wednesday 29 June 8pm Full Committee

Wednesday 21 September 8pm Full Committee with a mission to set out sub-collection in early October

Wednesday 5 October 8pm Street Reps pre-sub-collection meeting

December Social gathering

The meeting ended at 9.30pm