

## MINUTES OF ARA COMMITTEE MEETING - 17TH APRIL 2013.

Present : Mary Conneely, Cynthia Ireson, Fiona Couper, Andrew Dawes and Sue Noon

### 1). **Minutes from last meeting of the 7th March 2013 were agreed.**

### 2). **Combined Residence Association (CRA) - Mary attended meeting on the 7th April.**

#### a) Feed back as follows:-

- Garent John (Fishpool St RA) proposed to have some combined meetings with all leading members of residence associations and the Civic Society.
- 4 different associations represented at the meeting
- CRA involved with the Clarence Park Association - the council want to change the terms of the original terms of use of Clarence Park. Threat of more housing and commercial ventures.

#### b) Other issues immerged which all present agreed were issues for the ARA

- problems with lack of a strategic plan - there has not been one since 1994.
- pot holes

#### Further Information from meeting:-

Victoria Park – Larks in the Park – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Cricket Match - 7<sup>th</sup> July

Civic Society AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the Town Hall.

### **ACTION POINTS**

It was agreed that the ARA should be involved.

### 3) **TREASURER'S UPDATE:**

#### a) Cynthia has inherited all previous correspondence - will keep all paperwork from 2006.

- Current financial position - balance of £501.96
- We have subscribed to NORA - £25 paid in Feb 2013.
- Discussions required on how to raise money for the ARA- what is a fair payment from individual houses?
- Unclear as yet what the expenditure will be.
- To be discussed further after a new constitution has been agreed at next meeting.

#### b) Cynthia to update on possible membership numbers - there are possibly about 200 houses in the ARA.

### **ACTION POINTS**

- Agreed to have 3 signatures for the ARA bank account – Mary, Cynthia and Sue – Cynthia to put in place.

- Discuss and agree a new constitution - date to be set by committee.

### 4). **Look St Albans Report.**

- Cynthia noted from the financial report that the ARA had contributed £200.

- All agreed that we do not support them financially again until we at the very least understand what they stand for.

## **ACTION POINT**

- No further action at present.

## **5). Next steps:**

- Mary not been to Marjorie yet - timing not appropriate.
- Mary and Sue - still to see Marjorie
- all agreed to give Chris Debenham a bottle of wine in way of thanks for all work done.

## **AOB**

Cynthia:-

- importance of keeping an eye on planning applications via SADC website.
- Raised concern about possible planning application for Adelaide House, Adelaide Street - Fiona agreed to look at.

Fiona:-

- asked if we can all keep any good flyers that come through our doors - as inspiration for possible ARA flyers.

Andrew:-

- how are we going to target members with specialist skills?
- do we need a strap line?

**Next Meeting - 16th May 2013. 8pm at 11 Selby Avenue.**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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