

**Aboyne Residents Association  
Committee Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015**

**Attendees:** Mary Conneely (Chair), Cynthia Ireson, Fiona Couper, Brian Benson

**Apologies:** Sue Noon

**Minutes of meeting of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

- Approved with correction of the estimated cost of website to £200 - £300

**Treasurer's Report**

- £941.62 in the bank
- The 2014 Accounts have now been independently reviewed

**Planning and Parking Report**

- No planning applications to discuss
- Parking – **Actions:** BB to continue to try to make contact with Council Officials regarding the flawed survey and Council intentions. MC/BB to draft letter to the CPWP and Councillors seeking to ensure debate is not closed down

**Street Reps meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

- Gaps in Rep coverage still exist: Catherine St, Adelaide St, Upper Worley
- Reps supported position re St Claire's and Parking situation

**Membership**

- CI reported 141 members out of total of 359 households in ARA area. 39 Social housing units, approx. 2 are members.
- It was stated there is still a need for creation of a proper database of member details, possibly placed in the cloud. **Action:** CI to assess options, contacting other RA's, NORA.
- It was noted that appeal for IT expertise could be made at the upcoming AGM. **Action:** CI to define the requirement; MC to talk to Christine Mc Lauchlan about helping.

**AGM**

- **Action:** MC to finalise agenda; send along with Minutes to CI for formatting and copying (30 copies)
- A sign-in sheet for attendees' name/email address will be available at the meeting.
- CI will talk about Accounts and Membership
- A talk on Green Issues or Neighbourliness will be arranged. **Action:** MC/FC to contact potential speaker
- Possible talk for next year – history of Aboyne School
- MC is approaching Bar Meze for a donation of wine; SN is doing likewise with Freddie's
- MC will purchase nibbles and soft drinks
- Leaflets announcing AGM to be distributed this week **Action:** All

**Comms/Website**

- FC described the proposed structure and creation of the new website – pages, pictures, logo, drop-downs.

- A strapline of “Better Sense of Neighbourhood” was agreed
- Currently known costs are: Domain £18, Hosting £120 pa
- **Action:** FC to approach supplier for a quote for costs of Development, Training and On-going maintenance/support.
- A budget of £600 was agreed consisting of £500 for development, £100 for Logo and £100 for contingencies.

#### **CNC/Joint Working**

- Support given to proposals received from Les O’Leary to consider joint working between local RAs in St Peter’s Ward. **Action:** MC to respond for ARA.

#### **St Claire’s**

- ARA position at AGM to be neutral for the moment, as there is no mandate on which to act; await submission of Planning App by Hightown and then reconsider in the light of the further detail.

#### **AOB**

- None

**Date of next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**