

MINUTES OF THE ARA COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Present – MC, CI, FC, SN and BB.

Apologies – AD.

1) Minutes from the last meeting of the 3rd July were agreed.

2) Treasure's Update.

Bank account is now live with Barclays Bank and transfer of funds from Lloyds Bank complete and old account is now closed. Transferred balance was £501.96. Present balance will be £430.07 after cheque given to Mary for various expenses.

Cynthia thanked by Mary for all of her efforts, this required tenacity and patience.

3) Communication.

a) All the committee agreed an update was needed and newsletter needed essential. Fiona volunteered to write up a draft.

Mary had asked Eddy Battersby if Roy Bellamy who previously designed the ARA newsletter if he would be happy to continue to do this for us. He has responded and will continue this role. He will contact MC/CI to pass on detail and costs.

Information to be included in first Newsletter:-

- i) ARA up and running again, who we are etc.
- ii) What we have been doing to date – e.g. Cue club, and yellow lines on Britton Ave.
- iii) Asking for volunteers to be street reps.
- iv) Set date for AGM and publicise it.

ACTION – Fiona to draw up newsletter, Mary to edit.

Agreed time line – end of October.

Mary to get a quote on cost of printing Newsletter.

Fiona to contact AL school re room for AGM.

b) We now have the ARA Gmail Account and address.

Agreed that we need someone to manage the account. Email address to be in the newsletter. Also agreed that the Local Authority should have the ARA Gmail address.

ACTION – Fiona has agreed to monitor account initially and to check it 2/week. This will then be passes on and form a rota.

4) Street Reps.

Cynthia has created a spread sheet from 2006 of ARA members.

Cynthia happy to maintain new membership list and has volunteered to be Rep for Selby Ave.

A few individuals have already shown interest in possibly being a Rep. Ask for more volunteers through the Newsletter.

Worley Rd was previously divided into 3 sections.

ACTION - Cynthia to redesign the membership spread sheet and to contact anyone who has already shown an interest in being an ARA Street Rep.

5) City Neighbourhood Committee – Feedback from Brian.

Attended by Brian and Andrew.

Committee set up last April and covers un-parished areas – i.e. central St Albans, and will have representatives from Residents Associations, several of which are already represented.

Discussions covered allotments, bus shelters and war memorials.

From 4th Dec ARA will become a member.

ACTION – MC to follow up and send in our updated constitution.

6) Planning – Brian.

Brian did an update from the Licensing Hearing

a) Cue Club meeting; – Outcome and judgement in favour of the club.

b) Agreed that a Planning update should be a standard Item on every agenda. Agreed that Brian will be our Planning Officer and keep abreast of planning matters and report back.

c) Spotted Bull (Sun Runner - name of company taking over)

Planning application for a rear conservatory - Cynthia attended a drop in session at the council – there are no grounds for opposition to the building of a conservatory.

Parking will potentially be a big issue – do we need to push for residents parking to be extended until 10pm and Sundays too?

The licensing of the premises needs to be monitored. Cynthia has spoken to re Licencing Officer at the council – there is no reason for the transfer of ownership of the licence to be questioned.

Building work has already started.

ACTIONS AGREED: Brain to become lead on Planning. All agreed to monitor opening of S.B. and see if it really is an issue.

7) AOB

a) St Albans Christmas Street Market. – Mary received a letter from the council. Market scheduled from 28th Nov – 21st Dec – around the Cathedral. All present felt it was a useful addition and hoped it was successful.

b) Dates for Next Meetings:-

Thursday 21st Nov – Mary's- 8pm

Thursday 13th Feb 2014

Thursday 15th May 2014

Thursday 10th July 2014

AGM meeting – requires 14 days' notice - Suggestion is Thursday 27th March 2014 – 8pm, at Aboyne Lodge School (Minutes update – room is now booked so date agreed).

MEETING CLOSED – 9.45PM