



**ABOYNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
Committee Meeting  
14 May 2018, 7.30pm, 4 Selby Avenue, St Albans

Present:

Fiona Couper (Chair)	Julia Duschenes (Sec)
Barry Cropper (Vice-Chair)	Christine McLauchlan
Nigel Gale (Treasurer)	Sue Noon

**1. Welcome**

FC welcomed the committee

**2. Apologies for Absence**

There were no absences

**3. Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting (Feb 2018)**

Not tabled. JD to check with committee and sign off.

JD

**4. Matters Arising**

Nothing that was not already on Agenda

**5. Treasurer's Report**

£703.06 in the bank.

**6. Communications Report**

FC to contact Bev (Designer) about ARA website traffic. A password is required for payment for hosting this site: FC/CM to supply, JD to facilitate.

Website to be updated with committee details and the last minutes.

FC to do an update email to residents including information about Data Protection (see item 10 below).

FC/CM/  
JD

**7. Post AGM discussion**

It was felt to have been a good meeting, engendering some new contacts in Worley Rd. It was noted that next year a good speaker should be identified earlier although PCSO Russo was excellent and entertaining.

Councillor Alec Campbell's response about the 4-hour parking permits needs eventual chasing.

FC

A congratulatory note to be sent out to the new LibDem Councillor, Jacqui Taylor, possibly encouraging her to get involved with planning enforcement issues.

FC

NG noted that Councillor response time does not match policy and requires some monitoring.

It was felt that as a committee, there is a need to find new members

ALL

**8. Planning**

11 Britton Avenue: after concerted efforts by the Chair, Alec Campbell has emailed to say that the plastic windows will be replaced with wood-framed ones. FC to write to Head of Planning to point out how very good the roads which have adhered to the conservation area policy now look (e.g. Gombards and now Britton Ave). There is a watching brief as to when the replacement takes place!

FC

3 Russell Avenue: following the excellent representation by ARA Chair FC, the request for retrospective planning permission on this property was denied and the Planning Office taken to task by

Councillors for their inaction. The owner has now appealed. A letter to the Secretary of State making Rita Waldron's excellent points about enforcement (made in an email to the committee) to be considered. FC tabled a letter written by concerned residents (who are also members of the Civic Trust) to the Planning Ombudsman about the failures of the local Planning Department. The Joint Residents Association may shortly be under new management. If all goes well, a joint venture may be possible in this area. FC, NG and Rita Waldron to meet to discuss how to proceed on Russell Avenue. Market Depot: NG has discovered a payment from the Council to a developer for this area. To be pursued shortly.

FC/NG

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### 9. Parking

The deadline for completion of the consultation was extended to 18 May and only discovered by mistake by BC. This is due to problems at Folly Lane where there are parking bays very near to the allotment entrance. BC has spoken to Gary Payne at the Council who thinks there "won't be many changes" but it's not clear to what. BC to chase after 18 May.

BC

### 10. Data Protection

FC circulated several emails in advance of the meeting which were agreed would serve ARA's purposes well. It was agreed that ARA requires a Data Protection Policy to be written which will include information about storage of residents' data. BC to find a suitable one from local societies to clone. A pragmatic example to be sought and FC to circulate the final proposal to all members (see item 6 above).

BC/FC

### 11. Subscriptions

Wording on how street reps tell residents about their data protection to be finalized then collection will begin (£2/household) and to be completed by end June.

CM

### 12. AOB

St Claire's: There will be a meeting for management and neighbours on 30 May. BC and Lucy Povoas to attend. There has been no news from the property (good) though it was noted that several rooms remain empty.

Albany Lodge: No further news.

City Centre Opportunities Site: It was announced in the local press that the Council has now bought this site (including the old police station) and will be working with Angle Property Ltd to develop it.

HGVs on Britton Ave: the advent of weight restriction notices has made no difference to the numbers of lorries going down the hill. FC/JD contacted Chris White who informed us that HCC is now in talks with M&S.

Jubilee Centre: First meeting of the new steering committee is on Saturday 30 June, 10-11.30am. Several committee members will attend.

Money for Community Projects: Council has informed us of a budget for these, but ARA does not have the capacity to take advantage. It was noted that draft minutes of the AGM are required to go to Council to gain annual donation of £100. JD to facilitate.

JD

### 16. Future Meetings

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 23 July, 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.50pm