



## ABOYNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Committee Meeting

26 September 2017, 8.00pm, 32 Church Crescent, St Albans

Present:	Christine McLauchlan
Fiona Couper (Chair)	Lucy Povoas
Barry Cropper (Vice-Chair)	Bashir Jirvani
Nigel Gale (Treasurer)	Sue Noon
Julia Duschenes (Sec)	Mary Kenward
	Ken Kenward

#### 1. Welcome

FC welcomed the committee and street reps

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Kate Green and Rita Waldron sent apologies.

3. **Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting** (30 May 2017) were agreed for accuracy.

#### 4. Matters Arising (not already on Agenda)

Group photo: still to be taken.

Flight Paths: from Luton Airport: NG to monitor

Jubilee Hall: to be monitored and help support Jubilee Residents' Association where possible.

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NG  
FC/BC

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

£678.08 in the bank. Website direct debit £18. BC to give NG the contact at SADC from whom the ARA may collect £100. NG expressed concern that the £100 needs to be spent on something. BC suggested using for the AGM and also to be kept for the fighting fund.

#### 6. Comms Report

FC confirmed that Facebook was not an appropriate forum for ARA discussion. Also that a brief Newsletter had gone out.

BC suggested that the website needs to be updated with Newsletters. FC and CM to do this over half-term holiday.

FC/CM

#### 7. Planning

NG is monitoring properties in the area. Nothing of interest at present. MK monitoring the planning applications for the Garage Site in Folly Lane.

3Russell Avenue: RW received a note from Councillor Alec Campbell which confirms that the property

NG/MK

has been overbuilt. RW requested a resolution, noting that the property is now inhabited. The Planning Officer is unfortunately completely ineffectual. FC suggested that ARA ask for an update from Alec Campbell as there are suggestions of a new application being presented. We need to question the efficacy of the decisions made. NG suggested contacting other RAs about the council and effectiveness of planning applications.

Strategic Plan: NG to draft a possible letter for FC to consider.

NG

### 8. Parking and Parking Permits

FC and BC to meet with Alec Campbell and Beric Read (portfolio holder). There was much discussion trying to work out what was going on. Also discussed parking permit changes and how the consultations are carried out. There are issues about the rise from 37p to £1.30, especially for the elderly who can get several short visits from carers per day.

BC to draft a letter requesting ARA input into the new working group's survey. FC to contact Beric Reid to try to establish current thoughts on permits.

BC/FC

### 9. Albany Lodge

LP reported that there is currently no manager in post. Smoking in the street is getting much worse again with concomitant litter. Quite unwell people are unsupervised out in the street, intimidating residents and passing children. The simple solution is a smoking bench/hut on the premises, however as there is now no known management structure within the facility, it is difficult to know who to address. FC suggested writing to MP Anne Main and West Herts Hospitals Trust Chief Executive about this.

FC

### 10. 3 Russell Avenue

See Planning above.

### 11. St Claire's

David Revill offered a meeting with Hightown at the end of July, but this has yet to take place. Now set for 9 October but this is still before the opening which is now pushed back to the end of the month. ARA has been informed that the facility will be staffed for only 20 hours/week (4 hours/day Monday to Friday) plus four hours' "concierge" service at weekends which is rather an unknown quantity. The risk assessment is very vague which is worrying. House Rules are not yet published. All ARA requests is that procedures are in place. BC to send a note to David Revill before the meeting voicing all the above concerns.

BC

### 12. Subscriptions

The value is in the collection of email data, not the subs. CM to circulate the existing residents list and blank sheets to street reps shortly. £2.00 to be collected in the spring and membership cards (FC) to be handed out. Street Reps to approach any new residents in their area as they arrive.

CM/FC

Upper Dagnall St: Rita Waldron

Stapley & Upton Avenues: Kate Green

Russell, Britton, Selby Avenues: Sue Noon

Church Crescent: Lucy Povoas

Folly Lane: Mary and Ken Kenward

Etna Road: Bashir Jirvani

Catherine & Adelaide Streets: tbd

Spencer Street: Rita Waldron

Worley Road: Nigel Gale and Kate Green

13. **AOB**

13.1 Victoria Playing Fields: LP & BC reported that the play area is finished, planting yet to be completed. Soon to be opened by the mayor. There has been some "settling in" between tots and teens, but it is a space for all.

13.2. Highspeed Broadband: SN to supply speeds to NG to monitor as speeds seem to vary so wildly in quite a small area. SN

13.3. Local Law Enforcement: SN to liaise with local law enforcement about gangs of youths gathering in Gombards Alley. LP to supply contacts. LP

Please note: Mary and Ken are not Mary and Ken Ward, but Mary and Ken Kenward.

14. **Future Meetings**

14.1. Committee Meeting

Thursday 23 November 2017 (venue tbc) to decide next year's AGM date. ALL

The meeting ended at 10.00pm