

# MINUTES OF ARA COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

PRESENT – MC, CI, FC, SN, BB.

- 1) Welcome by MC.
- 2) Apologies – AD
- 3) Matters arising – from the meeting on 13/02/14

Minutes agreed and verified.

There is a section of the minutes which is a record of the meeting with Councillor White – also agreed for accuracy.

#### 4) Discussion on the AGM

SN to add the number of attendees to the bottom of the minutes.

It was agreed that the AGM went well and that having the councillors present was a worthwhile addition and purposeful.

MC received a note from Chris White commenting on how well attended the meeting was. Well done to all involved.

#### 5) Spotted Bull

CI suggested that we should contact the planning dept. to ascertain what is going on.

Simon Grover is going back to the planning officer and enforcement officer for advice.

FC – should we raise the possibility of a doorman – may change the clientele.

At the moment it is thought that there is not much more we can do at present, other than support APRA and await the next development.

#### 6) Feedback from Committees.

a) MC – City Neighbourhood Committee – 23/4/14

MC is the ARA rep on this committee and it's chaired by Michael Green. Has a budget of £90,000+

At present there is no framework for RAs to apply for money. MC is on the committee and will try and get that considered. There have been some possible plans to spend some of the money on the war memorial in St Peters Street – however the amount of money involved was potentially £30-40K. A large number of residents associations felt that this was an excessive amount of money, so SADC staff are going to get quotes but no precise figure has been agreed yet. An agreement was made to spend money on repairing some of the Christmas lights for St Albans. The Christmas lights will be reviewed more fully for 2015.

b) BB – Parking Committee

Chaired by Councillor Beric Read

Request to include Sundays and later evenings for residents parking permits.

Consultation will begin next month. Process is expected to take 12 months. There will be an informal consultation first followed by a formal consultation in Dec 2014. Zone A and B will be looked at.

BB raised a request that residents could park in Gombards with a permit.

c) **FC – Look St Albans.**

FC is very concerned that the organisation doesn't appear to achieve anything. Appears that they have no purpose, they are without power and have no real constituency. Graham Eastham (developer) questioned the Charrettes, some change to them will be looked at.

We discussed the possibility of engaging with Graham Eastham – could be useful to invite him to one of our meetings. This was agreed, with a date to be set later.

7) Street Reps Update.

8) AOB

1) Newsletter – contents for the next newsletter – FC to do and to include –

- AGM
- Committee members
- Street Reps
- Update on committees that we sit on
- Parking
- Pavements and Roads.
- What should the timing of the next newsletter be?

2) FC – raised the issue of the building on Russell Av near Boots – appear that they are trying to develop further. BB to look at the planning website to see if he can work out what is going on.

3) Street Reps next meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June – 8pm

ARA Committee meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> July – 8pm

4) BB – Enquired about the latest on the trees in Gombards – Contractor has had an accident. CI is to chase.

Meeting closed a 9.40pm.

