

St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: **Anzio House, St. Peter's.**

Date: **Tuesday 2 July 2019, 7.00pm.**

Present: **Jon Bryan (Chair), Robert Mee (Secretary), Peter Thompson (Treasurer), Peter Boyle, John Cornhill, Brian Hunt, David Robinson Young, John Watts**

Apologies: **Catherine Harris, Phil Huddy, Jude Harris, Gwynneth Common, Paul Common, Veronica Dunn (Cllr), Nick Kemp (Cllr), George Allison (Cllr), Stephen Douglas (Northumbria Police)**

	Item	Action
1.	<u>Opening</u> The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm with Jon in the Chair. Apologies for non-attendance were given.	
2.	<u>Previous Meetings' Minutes</u> The minutes of previous meeting (14.05.2019) were approved as an accurate record.	
3.	<u>Police</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Steve reported incidents in our neighbourhood remain comparatively very low compared with others in the District, just 0.5% of District-reported incidents. He is still of the view that residents and businesses need to be vigilant against opportunists and their presence, and always try to avoid creating opportunities for crimes to be perpetrated. b. Brian expressed the hope that the Police would ascertain whether CCTV footage of any incident might be available whilst acknowledging this might take several follow-up trips to establish. Recently a valuable bike had been taken from the Marina with the incident being filmed. 	All
4.	<u>Council</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Walkabout. Robert will collate views on possible Council-works and discuss these with Officials during the imminent neighbourhood- walkabouts. b. Byker in Bloom. The meeting voted to offer a financial contribution as sponsorship for the competition. The competition will be promoted to residents and businesses. Robert to liaise with organizers. c. Footpath tarmac. Robert advised that the Council was still to advise whether the use of black tarmac to repair footpath surfaces instead of the in-keeping red tarmac is contrary to Article 4. 	RM RM

	<p>d. Merchants' Tavern/August Bank Holiday Sunday. Some members were worried about potential nuisance from the planned afternoon and evening events. Another resident had written expressing similar concern. Robert has sought guidance from the Council. In the meantime, David agreed to speak with George. The meeting remains supportive of the pub.</p> <p>5. <u>Environment and Well-being</u></p> <p>a. John (Watts) updated the meeting on the gardening activities. The group is turning out each Friday and has a regular core group of volunteers. The work is focused on improving and enhancing communal areas, and reactions from other residents and visitors has been very positive. There has been new planting in some communal areas since the last meeting. The Stihl overhead hedge trimmer is in for repair under its warranty. The group do not undertake tree management work, recognizing this is the Council's responsibility. John suggested it might be that the wider neighbourhood might be encouraged to turn out with Light Summer Night working.</p> <p>b. Ten out twelve residential addresses (courtyards/apartments) had registered for the localized funded garden projects. These projects had included planter planting, restocking an existing bed with flowering perennials, fruit tree planting and summer annual planting. All of which would not have been possible without funding from the Association's grant revenue.</p> <p>c. A walking tour of nearby Grade 2-listed Byker Redevelopment estate had been planned by a resident for the forthcoming Saturday. This had been promoted by the Association. Twelve residents had already signed up to attend.</p> <p>d. Christmas Party has been arranged for Saturday 7 December, Merchants' Tavern. It was agreed that a working group arrangement might be beneficial in organizing this and the Living Advent Calendar previously agreed.</p> <p>6. <u>Finance</u></p> <p>a. Peter updated the Meeting on the bank account balance and activity since the last meeting.</p> <p>b. Robert reminded the Meeting that it was possible for the Association to try to financially support all-manner of voluntary, sporting or social groups in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>7. <u>Marketing</u></p> <p>a. A summer newsletter had been produced.</p> <p>b. AGM flyer will be produced and circulated.</p> <p>c. The website and noticeboard are regularly updated.</p> <p>8. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>a. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.</p> <p>9. <u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>a. Tuesday 3 September 2019, 7pm, Anzio House</p>	<p>DRY</p> <p>All</p>
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