

# St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Date: **Tuesday 7 November, 7.45pm.**

Present: **Jon Bryan (Chair), Robert Mee (Secretary), Peter Thompson (Treasurer), Jude Harris, Peter Boyle, Brian Hunt, Gwynneth Common, Paul Common, David Robinson Young, John D Watts.**

Apologies: **Catherine Harris.**

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Opening.</p> <p>The Meeting commenced 7.45pm with Jon in the Chair. Jon explained this meeting was mainly intended for members of the new Committee to agree in principle new Association priorities and new activities for the forthcoming 2017/18 Year.</p>	
2.	<p>2017/18 Social.</p> <p>a. Christmas Party. Committee approved plan, the arrangements and a budget if required to support the evening (Saturday 2 December, 7pm, Merchants Tavern).</p> <p>b. St. Peter's Neighbour Day. Committee approved in principle the concept for the Day, staging at the Marina Quay, and agreed a date towards the end of June. All committee members to consider further to facilitate planning of the day.</p> <p>c. Summer-end social. Committee approved in principle the Tyne River Boat Trip suggestion, and agreed a Saturday in September was appropriate. All committee members to consider further to facilitate consideration and planning</p>	<p><b>RM/JH</b></p> <p><b>RM/BH /All</b></p> <p><b>DRY/ All</b></p>
3.	<p>2017/18 Environment.</p> <p>a. Activities. Committee agreed that volunteer activities facilitated by the Association had been very successful over the previous year. Key components including gardening, litter picks, restoration of heritage bins and signage would be encouraged to continue. Ongoing maintenance of works, and new works would also be encouraged.</p> <p>b. Blue Walls. Committee noted its appreciation that further background work is ongoing.</p> <p>c. Council. Committee welcomed that discussion was ongoing to establish closer co-operation with the Council to further assist in volunteer activities, and a Neighbourhood visit had been arranged for Tuesday 14 November.</p>	<p><b>GC/ JDW</b></p> <p><b>GC/PC</b></p> <p><b>RM/GC /JDW</b></p>

4.	<p><b>2017/18 Wellbeing</b></p> <p>a. Babies' and Toddlers' Group Start-date for the new and informal volunteer activity was ongoing. Help from the Association Committee to facilitate this volunteer initiative had happened, had been communicated and was in place.</p> <p>b. Food Bank Collection Point Committee approved St. Peter's Wharf Precept's Christmas initiative to act as a Food Bank Collection Point for the St. Peter's neighbourhood, and agreed help to encourage awareness and participation.</p> <p>c. Guest talks. Committee agreed that such early evening talks might be arranged. Committee agreed the first person to invite, and to consider who might also be asked for future talks.</p> <p>d. Visit the neighbours Committee agreed that approaches to neighbourhood and local organisations was appropriate to ask if a small group from St. Peter's might visit to learn more.</p>	<p><b>RM</b></p> <p><b>RM/All</b></p> <p><b>RM</b></p>
5.	<p><b>2017/18 Financial</b></p> <p>a. Expenditure. Funds will be set aside from the outset of the year to ensure payment of Associations' insurance and website commitments as they become due for another year.</p> <p>b. Fundraising. Committee recognized that there were associated fund raising opportunities already in place with the agreed social activities for the year. In due course further consideration might be given to running a <i>St. Peter's 100 Club</i>, and encouraging donations from the neighbourhood through door-drop envelope requests. It was agreed that personal, group or business donations might be encouraged more via the website and newsletters.</p> <p>c. Grants. Committee agreed that applications can now be made on a broader and regular basis to support the volunteer activities within the neighbourhood, including environment, wellbeing and social priorities.</p>	<p><b>PT</b></p> <p><b>RM</b></p>
6.	<p><b>2017/18 Committee Meeting Dates.</b> Committee acknowledged gratitude to the Fifth Fusiliers for continuing to host its meetings for another year. The meeting dates for the next year are shown below, with a 7pm start time for each:</p> <p>a. Tuesday 9 January b. Tuesday 6 March c. Tuesday 1 May d. Tuesday 3 July e. Tuesday 4 September f. Tuesday 2 October (2017/18 Annual General Meeting) g. Tuesday 6 November</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Other business</b></p>	

	<p>a. British Engines. The St. Peter's neighbour and Committee Business Member had donated funds for a significant purchase of new Spring flowering bulbs. The Committee expressed its gratitude. These new bulbs will be purchased and planted by the volunteers mainly along the St. Lawrence Road and Bottlehouse Street areas.</p> <p>b. Council Council officials and a Councillor had agreed to walk the Neighbourhood with Committee members. The date of the visit is Tuesday 14 November. The visit is intended to facilitate closer co-operation over volunteer work, and to raise neighbourhood concerns. The Committee agreed the concerns to be raised for consideration by the Council: St. Peter's directional signage, implementation status of the Traffic Management Plan (March 2017), near-completion of the neighbourhood notice board, trees on Merchants Wharf/Churchill Mews boundary, Churchill Mews trellis fence, Merchants Wharf raised bed, bin provision on Merchants Wharf riverside, Trinity Courtyard tree, The Ropery dumpster bins (rats), The Ropery/Felling View riverside bin provision.</p> <p>c. Byker in Bloom Committee agreed if there were a financial prize for the Fish with Two Heads project then it would be used to purchase chicken manure pellets to enhance the public areas already planted by the volunteers.</p> <p>d. Maintenance and restoration work Committee agreed a reserve should be set aside for volunteers to draw upon if there is any expenditure required between this and the next Committee meeting.</p>	<p><b>GC</b></p> <p><b>RM/GC /JDW</b></p> <p><b>PC</b></p>
12.	Next meeting	
	<p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm</p> <p>The next meeting: Tuesday 9 January 2018, 7pm, Anzio House.</p>	