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# St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Date: **Tuesday 14 May 2019, 7.00pm.**

Present: **Jon Bryan (Chair), Robert Mee (Secretary), Peter Thompson (Treasurer), Peter Boyle, Catherine Harris John Cornhill,**

Apologies: **David Robinson Young, Phil Huddy, Brian Hunt, Jude Harris, John Watts, 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 John in the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were given.	
2.	<u>Previous Meetings' Minutes</u> The Meeting approved the minutes of previous meeting (05.03.2019) as an accurate record.	
3.	<u>Police</u> Steve's report said incidents in our neighbourhood remain comparatively very low compared with others in the City. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Crimes since 030319<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Theft of plants from planters</li><li>➤ Burglary of lap top stolen from unsecured home</li><li>➤ Theft of wheel trims from motor home</li></ul></li><li>b. Anti-social behaviour since 030319<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Youths throwing stones at vehicles</li><li>➤ Youth ASB outside Merchants Tavern</li><li>➤ Youths throwing life rings into the Tyne</li><li>➤ Vagrant sleeping rough and moved on</li></ul></li></ul>	
4.	<u>Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Litter bins. The Meeting agreed that the new large capacity bins installed in the autumn appear to have been successful in helping reduce litter across the neighbourhood. This was attributed to the larger capacity reduced over-filling/overflowing, and the bins having tops meant that gulls, crows, rodents and cats were</li></ul>	

	<p>unable to reach the litter and throw it out. The topped bins also help prevent residents from dumping their bagged kitchen and domestic waste in the bins.</p> <p>b. Traffic Management Proposal. The additional double yellow lines have been well-received in the neighbourhood. This is so in relation to the smoother and quicker manner the buses can pass through the neighbourhood. Equally as important the removal of inconsiderately parked vehicles from the Bottlehouse Street/Dobson Crescent junction has resulted in a clearer and safer area. Robert advised he is still to raise with the Councillors the last meeting's discussion for additional double yellowing in the area of the Bottlehouse Street bus stop.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>d. Envirocall. Robert reported that this Service continues to help with quick response clear-away. This was especially so with recent fly-tipping of car tyres and secondly multiple bags of commercial waste.</p> <p>e. Theme Park application for Spiller's. There has been no development since the last meeting when it was reported that the Planning Team had requested in February further information and clarifications from the applicant. This would then go to another round of 21 days' Public Consultation, which the Association would publicise.</p> <p>f. Complaint. Robert advised that the Council had received a resident complaint about gardening work by persons unknown. He reported that the appropriate Officer had independently investigated and decided that this complaint was without grounds.</p> <p>g. Neighbourhood management. A tour will be organized in September with the Council grounds department to agree work that might be undertaken by Council teams in the Autumn.</p> <p>5. <u>Lower Ouseburn Valley/ Ouseburn Mouth development</u></p> <p>a. John advised the meeting that the ethical and award-winning <i>igloo</i> house-building company would soon be starting their build on their Steenberg Yard site providing a mix of townhouses and workspaces. Their previous scheme having been the successful and popular <i>The Malings</i>.</p> <p>b. John also advised that <i>igloo</i> was currently carrying out consultation-walking tours of its other three sites (Malmo Quay, Spillers' Quay and Glasshouses) explaining their plans for a further 200+ new homes, commercial premises and workspaces. Homes for Cycle Hub and Ouseburn Boat Club would be incorporated into the new plans. The meeting agreed to publicize the walking tours.</p> <p>6. <u>Finance</u></p> <p>a. Peter advised the bank account balance. Since our 05.03 meeting payments had included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A new chainsaw from Greggs Foundation Grant;</li> <li>➤ Plants from British Engines Community Fund and Greggs Foundation Grant;</li> <li>➤ Insurance from Newcastle City Council Ward Aid Grant.</li> </ul> <p>a. A request for funding of the purchase of plant(s) had been received by a resident on behalf of Rowes Mews and its communal area. The Meeting approved this request for help.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>All</p> <p>RM/GC</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM/PT</p>
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	<p>b. The Meeting agreed with the Plan to allow individual courtyards and apartment buildings to have £50 each for their own Summer gardening projects. Robert and Peter to organize.</p>	<b>RM/PT</b>
7.	<p><u>Wellbeing &amp; Environment</u></p> <p>a. Gwynneth’s detailed report briefed the Meeting on activities since the March meeting. Since September, Gwynneth has calculated that over 420 volunteer-hours have been given to the neighbourhood. The volunteer-work has involved tidying, hedge and grass cutting, gardening, path edging, litter-picking and planting.</p> <p>b. Gwynneth’s report also raised the matter of tool storage. The subsequent discussion resulted in the Meeting deciding that the current arrangements might continue, if possible, and if this proves problematic then this matter can be raised again.</p> <p>c. Catherine expressed concern about the long-term prospects for the condition of the neighbourhood’s wooden statue <i>The Fish with Two Heads</i>. The prognosis from various sources is that the statue has little more than 3-4 years before it succumbs to twenty years of rot. The Meeting agreed that a neighbourhood conversation is required on a way forward once various avenues have been explored for neighbourhood consideration.</p> <p>d. Glyphosate use. A resident has raised the use of the chemical weedkiller with Cllr Nick Kemp, the Council and the Association. The Meeting sympathized with the resident’s concerns. It was also pleased to hear that Cllr Kemp had already asked for guidance on the matter from the appropriate Council Officials. The Meeting agreed that this was a Council matter and hoped the Committee would be advised on progress.</p> <p>e. Graffiti. BEL Valves have agreed to paint over this graffiti on the Hawthorn green sheds, the company understanding how worrisome such vandalism is within the neighbourhood.</p> <p>f. The Ropery riverside. Since our last meeting the Council had installed a further new large capacity bin. This has been much appreciated neighbours and the Committee.</p> <p>g. St. Peter’s Coffee House. This is a new venture operating from the St. Peter’s Marina Building pontoon-side. It was agreed that this should be supported by the Association.</p>	<p><b>RM /GC/CH</b></p> <p><b>NK</b></p> <p><b>BV</b></p>
8.	<p><u>Social &amp; Fundraising</u></p> <p>a. The Car Show had been well-attended.</p> <p>b. The Meeting asked a neighbourhood Christmas Party might be organized with Merchants Tavern for Saturday 7 December.</p>	<b>RM/MT</b>
9.	<p><u>Marketing</u></p> <p>a. A summer newsletter will be produced.</p> <p>b. The website and noticeboard are regularly updated.</p> <p>c. Jon advised that the SPNA Twitter account on which he is leading had upset a Committee Member who felt that postings were biased. Jon said he had explained that the postings were the views of those followers submitting their opinions.</p>	<b>RM/JB</b>

10.	<u>Any other business</u> a. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.	
11.	<u>Next Meeting</u> a. Tuesday 2 July 2019, 7pm, Anzio House	