

# St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Date: **Tuesday 11 January 2020, 7.00pm.**

Present: **Jon Bryan (Chair), Peter Thompson (Treasurer), Robert Mee (Secretary), Veronica Dunn (Cllr), Jude Harris, Karen McCarthy, John Cornhill, Catherine Harris, Brian Hunt, Phil Huddy, David Robinson Young, Gary Wilson, Terrence Crane (5th Fusiliers) - Part**

Apologies: **John Watts, Peter Boyle, Nick Kemp (Cllr), George Allison (Cllr), Stephen Douglas (Northumbria Police)**

	Item	Action
1.	<p><u>Opening</u> The meeting started at 7pm with Jon in the Chair. Jon welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Apologies received were reported.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Previous Meeting Minutes</u> The minutes from the 12.11.2019 Committee Meeting were approved as an accurate record with no alterations requested.</p>	
3.	<p><u>2020 Committee Meeting dates</u> The Committee meeting dates for the remaining part of the year are: Tuesday 3 March Tuesday 12 May Tuesday 7 July Tuesday 1 September Tuesday 3 November</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting will take place Tuesday 6 October.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Police Report</u> a. Robert had previously apologized to Steve for not giving him enough advance knowledge of this meeting to prepare a report. b. Anti-social and Criminal activity. The Committee again discussed this activity. c. Indecency. The Meeting heard a report of a daylight incident on Glasshouse Street's waterfront that had resulted in an arrest and conviction.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>d. Personal Safety. Terry again made his offer to all in the neighbourhood in an event of risk to personal safety or vehicular breakdown close to ANZIO House not to hesitate in calling the Fusiliers for assistance by pressing the buzzer on the main gates.</p> <p>d. Discussion took place as to how the Neighbourhood might help investigations to secure convictions and resolutions. It was agreed Robert should arrange a meeting with Police</p> <p><u>Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spillers.</li> </ul> <p>a. In the past six months no known progress had been made by <i>The World Wheel Company</i> in submitting an alternative planning application for its proposed revenue-generating advertising screen. This had been requested by the Planning Committee in July. Should this new application transpire, it is understood it will go to full Public Consultation.</p> <p>b. The Committee noted that the proposed opening-date for the theme park was now 2023, and not 2020 as widely promoted by <i>The World Wheel Company</i> as part of its pre-planning application publicity.</p> <p>c. Concern was expressed at the appearance of the Council's second and unused car park. Namely, the litter trap at the top corner on St. Lawrence Road adjacent to the Mill site. Veronica to raise this with Nick Kemp, Cabinet member responsible for environment. (Corner subsequently cleared and tidied).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoult's Yard/Walker Road</li> </ul> <p>a. Concern was again raised at how this stretch of Walker Road was regularly reduced to single-lane traffic. The Committee is worried that the cars being parked on each side of the road and an apparent nonchalant attitude of drivers and passengers egressing vehicles into traffic flow will result in an accident.</p> <p>b. John Cornhill reported that the Hoult's Yard car parks are full at the same time as the Walker Road parking.</p> <p>c. Veronica explained she had been advised by Councillor Ainsley, Cabinet member responsible for Highways, that no complaints about the ongoing situation had been received. The meeting suggested that Councillor Ainsley might be asked to visit the road during office hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkabouts.</li> </ul> <p>Much of the key work requested from summer walkabouts with Council Officials has been completed. Robert to review agreed action-list and liaise with Caroline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottlehouse Street bus stop bench</li> </ul> <p>More than a year ago a recently deceased resident had requested a bench to be placed at the bus stop. This had not happened as the Council had been due to review its stock of bus stop shelters with a view to a uniform style being rolled out across the City. This review is still to be completed.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that a stand-alone bench within the immediate area of the bus stop would be inappropriate. It would prefer instead, and in due course, a new style bus shelter that incorporated flip up/down seats fixed within the structure.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>RM</p> <p>Council Planning</p> <p>VD/NK</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>Council</p>
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6.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance</li> </ul> <p>Peter advised the bank balance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward-Aid Grant</li> </ul> <p>This grant has been awarded by the Council to assist with the Association's annual running costs (website hosting and insurance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Voluntary Groups</li> </ul> <p>The Committee agreed that the neighbourhood should be encouraged to consider activities for which grant-funding might be available through an Association-application. Such activities might include Afternoon Tea Parties, Painting, Yoga or Bridge groups. The Committee appreciates such neighbourhood-enhancing activities depended upon volunteers coming forward and making activities happen.</p>	All
7.	<p><u>Wellbeing &amp; Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Pick</li> </ul> <p>The autumn Neighbourhood litter pick had been well attended and results appreciated by many.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly-tipping</li> </ul> <p>Occasionally within the neighbourhood this has been a problem, most frequently around the communal dumpster-bins around some of the apartment buildings. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to be vigilant, report such criminal activity, and report it to Envirocall for clearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardening Group Days</li> </ul> <p>Catherine advised that volunteer work groups would go out on both Tuesdays and Saturdays. A <i>whats-app</i> group is also going to be set up for members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foodbank</li> </ul> <p>Robert advised that the generosity of giving from residents and people who work in St. Peter's in the pre-Christmas Foodbank Collection had again been extraordinary. The Committee discussed what else might be done. It was agreed that a "Holiday Hunger" Collection/ pre-summer school holidays might be arranged. It was also agreed to discuss possible partner/recipient organisations closer to then.</p>	JDW/CH  All
8.	<p><u>Social</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Party.</li> </ul> <p>There had been mixed feedback regarding the Party. Comments included that two parties had been booked to take part simultaneously for the same night and venue. The setting-up by and the volume of the live band was not appreciated by some. Nevertheless, it was reported that many had again enjoyed themselves, and the fund-raising raffle had again been a success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Party.</li> </ul> <p>National Lottery is promoting a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebratory community party grant. An application was submitted for £1000 before Christmas, and the outcome would be known by February 24<sup>th</sup>. If successful, the Association would support the running of a neighbourhood party on the Marina-riverfront in July.</p>	BH/RM

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Marketing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Byker VOSCARS</i></li> </ul> <p>St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association entered and won <i>the Outstanding Group</i> category. Across all the categories there had been over one hundred entries.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Award was not for the Committee members alone, but the many other St. Peter's volunteers (residents, businesses and people who work in the neighbourhood). Each had donated at some stage their time, skills, resources and enthusiasm to help make St. Peter's a better place in which to live and work. The judges had singled out St. Peter's for the diversity of volunteer activities and achievements that the Association Committee had facilitated over recent years. One of the judges had commented that these had not only benefitted St. Peter's, but on occasions people from across the wider Byker ward.</p> <p>Robert also won an individual volunteer prize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Outstanding Group Award</i></li> </ul> <p>Jon explained that the framed <i>Outstanding Group</i> certificate and trophy had been left with the Merchants Tavern to display so that as many people as possible might see the neighbourhood's volunteers' collective achievement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Newsletter</li> </ul> <p>To be produced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• News updates</li> </ul> <p>To be posted on website and noticeboard.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 3 March, 7pm, ANZIO House</p>	

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