

BRIGHTONS and ROSEFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of AGM - 6 December 2010

Chair: Diana Cairns
Treasurer: Stephen Hawkins
Minutes Secretary: Dorothy Michel

Attendees:

Diana Cairns, Stephen Hawkins, Dorothy Michel, Frances Wraith, Jan Waugh, Tommy Nimmo, Tom Smith, Clare Gately, Alan Galloway, John Maule, Dawson Currie.

New residents

Alan Galloway, Brighton Place
Clare Gately, Brighton Place

Apologies

Louis Waugh, Maureen Child

Minutes of 2008 AGM

Proposed by Jan Waugh and seconded by Tom Nimmo.

Matters arising

Actions:

Stephen to organise additional signatory for cheques
Obtain residents' e-mail addresses to improve communication

Chair's Report

Waste Transfer Station – fund-raising and other activities associated with the public enquiry had proved to be very time-consuming. The high level of support had been greatly appreciated and comments were made about the well-attended public enquiry and BRRRA's excellent representation by Frances Wraith, resulting in the desired outcome.

The residents completed another successful spring clean in the parks.
Many thanks again to Becky Lueck for organising the event.

The BBQ was poorly attended – probably due to a clash with other events. Public Liability insurance had cost £55 and it was queried whether this was a good use of funds because of the lack of interest.

The monthly organic market in Brighton Park is proving successful – funding for start-up costs etc is available to the end of March after which the market will have to become self-sustaining. Stallholders pay £50. PEDAL pay £35 for their stalls but there are additional costs for licences, a Bond to the Parks Dept and publicity etc

Treasurer's Report (circulated)

Income from subs is low but John Maule was congratulated on his successful collection of subs.

John's advice was that residents are willing to pay but the onus is on the street reps to collect the subs.

Expenditure:

Not a great deal of expenditure – the main items being the PL insurance for the BBQ (several £ per head if there is poor attendance) and the outlay for the Viridor questionnaire.

Election of Office Bearers

Diana Cairns offered to continue as Chair

Stephen Hawkins offered to continue as Treasurer

Dorothy Michel is standing down as Minutes Secretary therefore this position needs to be filled.

Barbecue

Poor attendance may mean that there is no longer any interest in running this event. It was suggested that the street reps canvas opinion with early delivery of the newsletter (beginning of June) – at which time they could also collect subs and e-mail addresses from those willing to be contacted this way.

Rosefield Park

A meeting was held on 2 November with Scott Thomson. A group walked with him around the park and discussed improvement plans.

Scott tabled some proposals and the Amenities Society replied with comments on the overall plan, although the main issue is considering viable sources of funding for the work.

It was felt that if someone was willing to adopt the mantle, it would be advantageous to set up a "Friends of Rosefield Park".

Action: Diana Cairns to investigate whether anyone is willing to take this on. All to raise the issue with neighbours.

Flood Defences

A design fault in the recent works on the Figgate burn results in debris collecting at the new filter so that the water backs up and overflows into the park.

The contractors (ACOM) are to provide a report as to whether this is the appropriate structure for the site.

Contact for the Flood Defence contract - Angus MacDonald, 469 3750

Waste transfer Station

During the public enquiry into the Dunbar incinerator proposal, Viridor issued a press release re plans to appeal the decision as they consider that they can get round the reasons for rejection – ie lack of need and visual impact on a conservation area.

AOCB

Stephen Hawkins - Christian Path – to be "brought up to standard" after Christmas with the upgrade costs being met by cycleway grants.

Tom Nimmo - The Three Monkeys holds an Open Mike night on the first Monday of every month and live music on Thursday and Saturdays.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 20.25.