



# Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association

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## Minutes of AGM held at Portobello Baptist Church Hall – 7.30pm, 19 June 2014

Chair: Diana Cairns

Treasurer: Stephen Hawkins

Minutes Secretary: Megan Bastick

### Attendees

Megan Bastick, Anne & Geoff Brocklehurst, Diana Cairns, Dawson Currie, Maria Devoy, Stephen Hawkins, Gordon McCulloch, Anna Neubert-Wood, Jacqueline Taylor, Peter Wraith

### Apologies

Elisabeth McCulloch, Pamela & Stephen Carr, Jan and Lewis Waugh, Sasha Udell, Peter Bradley, Tom and Margaret Smith, Sarah Fairbrother, John Maule, Arnot & Brian McDonald, Sean Watters, Bob Jefferson, Maureen Child, Franny Wraith.

### Minutes of 2013 AGM

Proposed by Gordon McCulloch and seconded by Geoff Brocklehurst.

### Matters arising from the minutes

*Extending BRRRA membership to Williamsfield Square residents* – noted that Williamsfield Square has not been included in newsletter distribution

**Actions:** *BRRRA Chair and street reps. to include Williamsfield Square in future newsletter distribution*

*Train noise* – No response yet received from East Coast.

*Christian Path:* Chair has made inquiries regarding poor condition and dumping of rubbish, and is awaiting response.

*Survey of BRRRA members:* Not yet done.

**Actions:** *Chair to draft a members' survey, which could be administered by street representatives. Survey to ask about what activities they would be interested in BRRRA doing, why they don't come to meetings, etc.*

### Minutes of 2013 EGM

Proposed by Anne Brocklehurst and seconded by Marie Devoy

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

Peter Bradley was subsequently elected BRRRA representative on the Portobello Community Council.

### **Chair's Report**

*Park clean-up* – Have had two successful park clean ups. Thanks to Jan Waugh and Caroline Clark for organising these.

*Big Lunches* – Were held in Rosefield Park in summer 2013, and in Brighton Park in summer 2014. Thanks to all those who organised and helped with these.

*Edinburgh Local Development Plan* – Chair lodged representation on behalf of BRRRA regarding waste, and attended a feedback event on the consultation process. New Proposed Local Development Plan is under development: expected to be open for representations in the autumn.

**Actions:** *Chair to share information on Proposed Local Development Plan on BRRRA Facebook page and with BRRRA Representative on Portobello Community Council.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Statement of Account dated was circulated. Treasurer highlighted likelihood BRRRA will need to continue to pay for meeting space, due to increasing demand for the decreasingly available rooms in Portobello. Accounts unanimously approved.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

Diana Cairns offered to continue as Chair.

Stephen Hawkins offered to continue as Treasurer.

Megan Bastick offered to continue as Minutes Secretary.

All nominated by Dawson Currie, seconded by Peter Wraith, unanimously elected.

### **Parks**

BRRRA Parks Sub Group for Brighton and Rosefield Parks *has* formed, met and responded to the local management plan.

As regards Rosefield Park, the Sub-Group has exerted pressure for completion of the railings and gates. Noted that various improvements in Rosefield Park have occurred, including installation of snail sculptures. Rosefield Park is to be judged for Green Flag status. Need for waste bin near the multi-use games area. The Council's Environment Forum has apparently suggested "growing spaces" be designated between the burn and multi-use games area. Were this to be formally proposed, BRRRA would expect to be consulted.

As regards Brighton Park, walls require work but have been advised Council has no budget for this. Concerns that shell mulch used in the park are too big and sharp.

BRRRA is registered as "Friends of Brighton and Rosefield Parks" with the Council.

### **Upgrade of Brighton Place surface**

Council has budget to upgrade a section of Brighton Place but has not yet commenced formal consultation.

**Actions:** *Chair to request Council consult on options regarding the upgrade.*

### **Subscriptions**

Agreed to increase BRRRA subscriptions to £2 per year.

Residents' lists for each street has been updated and shared with street reps.

Thanks to new BRRRA street reps, Ina Porras and Jacqueline Taylor, and to Geoff Brocklehurst for agreeing to cover East Brighton Crescent and Sandford Gardens.

Jacqueline Taylor notes success in leaving returnable envelopes when collecting subscriptions.

### **AOCB**

*Aldi housing/supermarket proposal* – Many concerns voiced. Agreed to watch for consultation process with a view to BRRRA potentially representing members' views.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.