



## **Southdown Rise Residents Association**

**Minutes of the Public meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Apologies:, Steve Marsh, Sally Trelford,**

**Present: Grenville Nation (Treasurer), Val Knight (Chair for this meeting) Rob Rosenthal (Chair), Jo Whitehead (Secretary) Helen Weir, Hugo Luck, Sarah Andersen, Paul Steedman, Ed White, Maggie Grimsdell, Malcom Dawes, Chania Carr, A. Riddoch, Vic Ellis, Abby Hone (Brighton and Hove City Council), Sarah Andersen, Councillor Leo Littman, Jim Grozier, Andy Briggs, Peri Evans, Joan Evans, Marian Bance, Madeleine Cary (DRARA), Elspeth Broady (DRARA), Doug Morrison, Emma Bird, Jenny Staff, Damien Marmura (Brighton and Hove City Council)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	By the Chair Val Knight  Apologies from Steve Marsh and Sally Trelford	
<b>Minutes and Matters arising</b>	The minutes of 17 <sup>th</sup> April committee meeting were agreed and no matters arising.	
<b>Environment</b>	Damien Marmura of Brighton and Hove City council was introduced. He attended the meeting to support on improving the look of our streets.  Damien was asked several questions about the current issues regarding rubbish collection, the work to rule by the refuse collectors and the upcoming seven day strike. It is unlikely that the rubbish will be collected until Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June and then will begin in the city centre.	

	<p>Cllr Littman added that 7 days was the minimum time of strike and it may continue beyond this time. Damien added that updates to the collections can be seen on Facebook and the Cityclean website.</p> <p><b>Wheelie bins</b>  Damien said that bins and recycling bins should be kept on householders' property and not the pavement. In September/October he is starting an enforcement process of three strikes and losing the bin. This means that householders will be warned twice about leaving bins out and then will lose them on the third warning. This approach has been very successful in other areas.</p> <p>The issue of communal bins was raised and it was agreed they shift the problems and are not necessarily a good alternative.</p> <p>Other options were discussed including gull proof hessian bags, however the Chair suggested we see when the enforcement in October brings and revisit the issue if there are still problems.</p> <p><b>Streets in Bloom</b>  Several trees have been planted up with flowers in Springfield and Southdown and the association membership would like to encourage other residents to do the same. It all helps the look of the streets. There are several trees in Florence that would be appropriate. In future it would be good to enter a wider competition for the area. All to encourage neighbours to be involved. Gren asked that people give out the website address to neighbours where the streets in bloom are advertised and there are photos. Blakers Park picnic is coming up and it was suggested that SRRA was publicised there however it was agreed that this was outside our catchment area.</p> <p><b>Graffiti</b>  The station bridge graffiti is painted out by members of SRRA and DRARA who have paint for this purpose. It is suggested that with the new street furniture there will be more graffiti so it is suggested that there are "block champions" who will be able to respond to the problem quickly. Damien said that the council will come and paint out graffiti and do work closely with Brighton artists to street art walls that are subject to random graffiti. Ed and Rob will lead on this issue. Anyone wanting to be a block champion should contact Ed and Rob through the SRRA website.  <a href="http://southdownrise.wordpress.com">http://southdownrise.wordpress.com</a> or email</p> <p><b>Dog mess</b>  This seems to be an increasing problem and is the</p>	<p>Ed/Rob</p>
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	<p>responsibility of Dog Wardens to tackle owners and not the Cityclean department although the latter will clear it up. Damien suggested putting stickers on wheelie bins telling owners that poo bags may be deposited in there.</p>	
<p><b>Playing out</b></p>	<p>This is now planned for two areas on Southdown Avenue. Between Springfield and Florence – 27<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July 3-6pm. Between Rugby and Grantham 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July same time.</p> <p>This isn't a lead play scheme and parents are expected to be there with their children but we do need volunteers to manage the traffic. Travis Perkins have lent us barriers for free and these will need to be picked up. Emergency access must be given priority as should tradespeople and people who live in the street. Leaflets and signs are about to go out. If residents want to do the same thing in their areas then Val and Jenny are very willing to support the organisation of this. Photos will be taken on the days but parents can make it known if they don't want their children in any photos.</p> <p>Hugo thanked Val and Jenny for organising the Playing Out scheme.</p> <p>Val thanked Chris and Rachel for producing the leaflet.</p> <p>SRRA will purchase some items in order to facilitate the day. The scheme is for everyone, not just for kids and is an opportunity to meet neighbours and engage in some fun together.</p>	
<p><b>Local sustainable transport fund – Abby Hone</b></p>	<p>Abby is a Principal transport Planner for Brighton and Hove City Council and part of her brief is to manage the e-bike scheme as well as the transport fund for access to stations, in this case London Road. This may include funding for improved access by bicycle or by foot and there is a small fund of £25k to do this. Ideas so far:</p> <p>Dealing with slippery steps</p> <p>Gritting bins</p> <p>Bus real time information</p>	

	<p>Crime reduction CCTV</p> <p>Tree planting</p> <p>Way finding signs</p> <p>There is an initiative that provides secure and covered bike parks on Shaftesbury Place which will be managed by the community after the e-bike trial has finished. Bike crime is on the increase.</p> <p>There are four cameras on the south side of the station and DRARA have asked for the details of how this is managed.</p> <p>There was a query regarding bike parking on the road That hadn't been included in the CPZ design map and circulated to residents in November, most notably at the top of Florence Road. Chair suggests that we see how this works and then ask to revisit the cycle parking with relevant Council officers after CPZ has been in for a while.</p> <p>In terms of the transport fund Abby would like suggestions asap as the funding is time limited. Rob to lead on this and put ideas onto the website by the end of August at the latest.</p>	Rob
<b>Involving others</b>	We will move this to the next meeting as time was running out.	
<b>Website policy</b>	This has now been agreed and is on the website. Any comments to Gren.	
<b>Treasurers report</b>	<p>Gren briefly outlined and this will also be on the website.</p> <p>Collection £23.10 counted by Jo and verified by Gren, to be entered into the bank account</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Elsbeth from DRARA kindly came along to tell us about her role as coordinator of the London Road Station partnership and the running of the community garden. Everyone was invited to put issues forward to Elspeth regarding the Brighton to Seaford partnership and Elspeth will take them to the steering group.</p> <p>Elsbeth offered to write a briefing for the website. She and Madeleine also welcomed anyone who is interested to get involved in the community garden.</p>	Elsbeth

<b>Next meeting</b>	To be confirmed, depending on the availability of the Open House. Jo to arrange but likely to be early September  For next agenda:  Involving others  Land behind the Open House pub	Jo
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