

Southdown Rise Residents Association.

Minutes of the Public Meeting 11th September 2013.

Apologies: Steve Marsh, Robert Purchase, Mick Frogley, Hazel Nation, Doug Morrison.

Present: Sally Trelford, Val Knight (Vice Chair), Grenville Nation (Treasurer) Rob Rosenthal (Chair), Jo Whitehead (Secretary), Ed White, Andy Briggs, Hugo Luck, Sylvia Peckham, Jenny Staff, Jim Grozier, Joan Evans, Reuben Janovich, Jenny Staff, Liz Hunt, Chris Tredgold, Jason Walsh, David Williams, Nicola Jackson.

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and introductions	Rob introduced everyone and welcomed.	
Minutes and Matters Arising	Rob asked the meeting to agree the minutes of the last committee meeting and public meeting minutes. Agreed and seconded	Jo and Ed
Playing out	Four Playing Out events happened in the summer, well attended and a great success. More Playing Out being organised after lots of good feedback and requests for more. Springfield to Florence: Friday 27 th Sept 3.20 – 5.20 Friday 8 th November 3.20 – 5.20 Sunday 8 th December 2.30 – 4pm Rugby to Grantham: Friday 11 th October 3.20 – 5.20 Friday 22 nd November 3.20 – 5.20 Needs lots of stewards and asking for more help and a stewards meeting will be happening. 8 th December 2.30 to 4pm has a Christmas theme, perhaps a wider involvement. Please contact Jenny Staff to offer stewarding or any other help jen.staff@me.com .	

	<p>Gren proposed a vote of thanks to Val, Sally, and Jenny for organising this, which we can build on.</p>	
<p>Streets in bloom</p>	<p>We have been planting out the bases of trees in the area. This has been very successful which brightens up the streets and discourages dog fouling.</p> <p>We want to encourage this to spread further for next year. (Planting not dog poo!)</p> <p>Suggestion that bulbs are planted now. Suggestions of Montana and Honeysuckle to grow through the trees.</p> <p>Wildflower seeds from Poundland are a bargain.</p> <p>Concern about health and safety and children dealing with planting if there is fouling.</p> <p>Ed wants to take this expansion forward and would like others to be involved. Several people offered to be a subgroup. Jo to forward the offers to Ed for coordination.</p> <p>Jim suggests DRARA have been very successful in getting grants for the station partnership garden. Leo to follow up.</p>	<p>Jo/Ed</p> <p>Leo</p>
<p>Graffiti removal</p>	<p>Residents have been involved in painting out and cleaning off graffiti wipes but this offer has been removed.</p> <p>Ed proposed that the meeting agree that the council provides us with the solvents to remove the graffiti from public property.</p> <p>Some concerns that SRRA will be paying for council responsibility whilst already offering labour for free which saves money.</p> <p>We also have paint to deal with graffiti, which is in the hands of certain residents who are also tasked with ensuring wet paint signs are put out.</p> <p>Proposal that Leo goes back to find out a bit more about materials for graffiti removal.</p> <p>Block champions idea was suggested to coordinate the issue of graffiti removal – and asked for volunteers - let SRRA know if you are interested.</p>	<p>Leo</p>

<p>Bins</p>	<p>Damien Marmura from Cityclean is sending out a letter to ask people not to leave their bins (wheelie and Recycling) on the pavement.</p> <p>There will be a process where if this isn't happening then there will be a closer look at those who won't comply. This initiative is well received however some people don't have room and questions were asked of Leo about this issue.</p> <p>This initiative has been very successful south of the railway.</p> <p>It was agreed that round bins were not an option as opposed to wheelie bins.</p>	
<p>Planning development</p>	<p>Behind Open House</p> <p>Ed introduced the issue again of the planning agreed to build 4 houses behind the Open House. The land has now been sold to a developer who may be constructing shortly.</p> <p>Ed proposed through the SRRA Chair to let us know what is expected about adherence to the development promises.</p> <p>Contact Amy and confirm what officer would be responsible for the planning adherence and that they advise us on what needs to happen before the development goes ahead. SRRA is worried that this can go ahead without recognising the proper conditions. Ed will draft an email for Rob to send to Amy.</p> <p>Anyone that sees any activity to report it immediately to the council member Amy Kennedy.</p> <p>Behind St Andrews Road</p> <p>Planning application re-introduced, notice on the council website and a link from the SRRA website.</p>	<p>Rob</p>
<p>Publicity</p>	<p>We are trying to get more people along and some people this evening had come because of the signs on trees. Rob asked that people tell others about the SRRA and to come along for the meeting.</p> <p>Ideas of other venues such as the Jolly Brewer were suggested and Jim will follow this up.</p>	<p>Jim</p>

	<p>Suggestions for social events were suggested which were welcomed as long as someone can organise them. There are links with Florence Road Church who would be happy to work with us on this event planning.</p>	
Treasurers report	<p>Please see on the website.</p> <p>Concern regarding the cost of Playing Out publicity and that it didn't mention SRRA. Val explained that because of time she had to hand this over to someone who wasn't briefed sufficiently but this won't happen again.</p>	
AOB	<p>Cycle parking – the whole scheme is being reviewed after six months. It is important that people feedback their responses to Peter Turner or Charles Field on the following email address: parking.scheme@brighton-hove.gov.uk.</p> <p>Abandoned bikes – call the council and they will put a notice on for a fortnight and then come and remove the bike.</p>	
Next public meeting	TBC	