

Southdown Rise Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10 February at the Open House.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Tim Nichols, Head of Regulatory Services, Public Health, Brighton and Hove City Council. Tim's informative and entertaining talk covered his team's wide-ranging responsibilities which include monitoring local pubs, regulating shops that sell strong beer, investigating and dealing with noise and dog nuisances, pest control and animal welfare. Using anecdotes and statistics, Tim vividly illustrated the challenges his team has faced and the successes they have had. He outlined his innovative approach to pest control, allowing humans and wildlife to live together harmoniously in an urban area rather than resorting to killing. He offered practical tips on dealing with a range of nuisances and proposed possibilities for partnership with SRRA in the area of community resilience. Tim was introduced and thanked by Paul Tofts.

Present: Jo Whitehead (Chair), Rob Rosenthal (Vice-chair), Gren Nation (Treasurer), Steve Marsh (Secretary), Jim Grozier, Reuben Jancovich, Paul Tofts

Action

1 Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Leo Littman.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- 2.2 [5.3] Rob has removed the remaining "Adopt a tree" signs.
- 2.3 [9.2] The committee agreed that the publicity poster for the evening's speaker, Tim Nicholls, was eye-catching and effective and asked that the committee's thanks to Gren and the designer be recorded.
- 2.4 [10] Jo has contacted Ed regarding the lamppost but she has received no reply as yet.
- 2.5 [12.2] The bin is full of grit so that the railway bridge can be gritted when necessary.

3 Treasurer's report

- 3.1 £32.48 has been spent on ink and laminating pouches which should be sufficient for the remainder of this year.
- 3.2 SRRA reserves stand at £134.89: £77.60 in the bank account and £57.29 in cash.
- 3.3 There has been no financial activity on the Streets in Bloom account.

4 Streets in Bloom

- 4.1 Jo confirmed that Annie and Sylvia will be co-chairing the Streets in Bloom sub-committee.
- 4.2 The sub-committee has had a meeting – minutes will be posted on the website – and will be meeting again in March.

Jo

5 Playstreets

5.1 There was currently nothing to report.

6 Bins strategy

6.1 Rob has been accepted on to the council's Waste Management Strategy focus group. Three meetings are scheduled for the focus group in the period to July, the first on 25 February.

6.2 Renewed industrial action is planned by Cityclean staff with a strike scheduled for 11 February and further strike action possible, which means that some rubbish and recycling collections may be missed.

6.3 The council appears at present not to be monitoring and following up recycling bins left out on the street. Production of a SRRRA leaflet aimed at persistent offenders will be discussed at a future meeting.

7 Outreach

7.1 A poster will be needed to publicise the next meeting (speaker Philip Wells). Paul will work up a title and description. Gren will approach the designer to see if he can produce another poster for us.

**Paul
Gren**

7.2 The Open House will allow SRRRA the use of its screen if we move it to the upstairs room ourselves before 10 a.m. on the day. Paul and Jo will look into whether this is feasible.

**Paul
Jo**

8 Any other business

There was none.

9 Dates of future meetings

9.1 Thursday 12 March – Guest Speaker Philip Wells, Chair of the London Road Area Local Action Team.

9.2 Tuesday 14 April – Talk on the history of London Road Station, guest speakers Elspeth Broady and Jim Grozier.

9.3 Thursday 18 June – Summer Party and AGM.

The meeting closed at 9:12 pm.