

JRA Committee Minutes

Jesmond Library, 21st January, 2015

- 1 Present:** TW, RA, NC, RL, DE, IN, CW.
- 2. Apologies:** FC, SB, BY, Andrew Todd (Newcastle University).

The minutes of the meeting on 17th December 2014 were accepted as an accurate record.

Action points

Action Points from December 2014 Meeting	
TW and RL to attend planning meetings for Food Market.	Done, see later report.
TW and BY to develop a programme of JRA talks at the Library (and meet in January, 2015).	Done, see later report.
TW and RL to attend planning meetings for Food Market.	Done, see later report.
Action Points Outstanding from November 2014 Meeting	
TW to follow up outstanding actions on Jesmond Dene.	TW has discussed the issue with Lynda Fean of the Friends of Jesmond Dene. The Friends of Jesmond Dene group has been restarted and there are plans to form a trust. RL to make contact.
DE/TW to meet with Diane Wilson re. JRA audit.	Meeting has taken place; end of year financial statement to be submitted in June/July to ensure that it is audited for AGM.
AC to attend landlord meeting and report back to JRA	Deferred, TW to seek update from AC.
AC to notify JRA of student housing survey.	Deferred, TW to seek update from AC.
CW to advertise JRA Information Folder on local notice boards.	Done
TW to attend and report back on Nov. Acord Road Working Group.	Done.
All to come to next meeting with ideas for publicising consultations recommendations.	Done: JRA agenda made public - library file, noticeboards, LinkMail.
TW to write to Nexus over concern of felled trees at Jesmond Metro.	Done, but TW to speak to Jesmond Local with update.
TW to make contact with Primary Schools as part of membership drive.	Done
RL to liaise with residents groups for a general meeting.	RL will organise a meeting (probably in March) and RA has updated contact details.

3. Current Urgent Planning Issues (NC)

NC took the Committee through the points outlined in the previously circulated paper.

It was decided not to submit objections to any planning applications.

The planning update papers will be placed on the Association website and circulated via linkmail.

An anomaly between the granting of planning permission and HMO licensing arose and clarity is to be sought from the City Council.

The Planning Inspectorate report into 10/12 Granville Gardens has been published and will be circulated via linkmail, it will also be put on the association's website.

Despite the ban on letting boards in most of Jesmond being in force since January 5th, there are still some present. A map outlining the area where boards are banned and the reporting procedures have been sent out via linkmail; these will be resent, with information on the reporting procedure.

4. Updates

(a) Tidy Gardens Scheme (TW/CW)

TW and CW attending a meeting on 19th January; the minutes have been circulated. Good progress is being made with Skill Mill as a partner and there will be a street review meeting on Monday 26th Jan.

(b) Community Food Market (TW/RL)

Armstrong Bridge has been agreed as the site for 3 trial events: 18th April; 16th May and 20th June, 2015. It is hoped that there will be 20+ stalls. The association will publicise the events, the May Market will be during the community festival.

(c) Community Festival (TW)

A draft program has been developed and circulated. The JRA events during the festival are planned to be the same as last year, i.e. Music Quiz, Cycle Ride and Walk. TW will meet AT (student rep) on 27th Jan to discuss possible student contributions.

(d) Christmas Festival (TW)

The provisional date for this is 5th December, the location being Brentwood Avenue. Efforts are still being made to raise funds for the street closure.

(e) JRA Library talks 2015 (TW)

A draft program has been circulated, with the overall title of Jesmond below the Surface. The first talk of which is to be mines in Jesmond. Another idea discussed was Jesmond in 2025, which was originally proposed as a monthly series but the group suggested that a single two hour event during the community festival with several speakers would be worth considering.

(f) Acorn Road Implementation Group (RA)

A final meeting of the Acorn Road working Group will be on 12/2/2015, to be attended by RA as TW will be chairing the JRA talk by Alan Morgan. The plans for a modified Option 1 scheme will be viewed before they go out to statutory consultation. The scheme is for one way traffic (east to west), with almost as many parking spaces as at present and widened pavements.

(g) Linkmail, e-bulletin (RA)

Linkmail now has 376 subscribers. RA is to write to local residents groups to invite members to subscribe to linkmail. TW would like to make contact with residents in Sandyford and will write to the Sandyford residents association about this, they have not responded in the past.

The next e-bulletin is in the early stages of preparation, contributions are sought on the following topics: planning, Acorn Rd, communal bins, consultation methods, tidy gardens.

Website/Twitter (IN)

The meeting was reminded that the website was a good way to publicise events in Jesmond.

The twitter feed now has 105 followers including Newcastle and Northumbria Universities and Jesmond Local.

Student Updates

This item has been deferred until the next meeting.

Treasurers Report (DE)

Association account balance is £2478.

It was decided to continue membership of NORA (National Organisation of Residents Associations).

Consultation (TW)

The association feels that there have been flaws in the consultation process that the City Council has used for the introduction of communal bins, and there will be extended discussion on the process at the next meeting on 18th Feb, with particular reference to communal bins. TW will circulate some notes in advance of the meeting. A representative of the council will be invited – either Ruth Baddoo or her senior – and a councillor from North and South Jesmond.

AOB

None

Summary of Action Points

RL to organise meeting of representatives of local residents' groups, probably in March.

TW to follow up student issues with AC and AT

RA to seek clarity from the City Council on the issue of the granting of HMO licences and planning permission

RA to attend Acorn Road working group meeting on 12th Feb in place of TW

RA to circulate monthly planning update paper via linkmail

RA to circulate report on 10/12 Granville Gardens via linkmail

RA to send out via linkmail information on the letting boards ban and reporting procedures.

TW to write to Sandyford residents group

TW to invite Council representatives to February meeting

IN to place report on 10/12 Granville Gardens on the website

Date of Next Meeting: February 18th Jesmond Library

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