

## JRA Committee Minutes- first meeting of 2014-2015

Jesmond Library, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

1 .**Apologies:** Ian Nelson, Crispin Welby.

**Nominations for Officers:** The following officers were nominated and seconded:

Tony Waterston as Chair

Ian Nelson as Vice Chair

David Etchells as Treasurer

Ron Armstrong as Secretary.

Ron Armstrong indicated that he intends to step down as Secretary at the next AGM

2. The minutes of the last meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as an accurate record.

### Action points

ED to circulate details of how JRA can sign up to Newcastle Food Charter	Done
RL to follow up traffic survey with NPS in September	SB to check with Michelle Collinson (NPS Secretary) and feedback to RL
TW to write to David Hardman to request evidence from the Deuchar Street communal bin trial	Done but TW hasn't received any documented information. TW/RL to write again.
RA to organise information to be disseminated at AGM	Done
Committee members to let TW know if they intend to continue in post	Done
TW to follow up community funding from Waitrose	Done. TW submitted request which will take a couple of months to be processed.

3. Special Interest fields for new committee

RA Linkmail, e-bulletins, licensing

There will be 2 e-bulletins a year, followed by a newsletter. The next bulletin be circulated in late November/early December

IN Website

Ian has updated the Website with new plans for Acorn Rd , minutes, names of committee members and annual diary. The presentations from the Acorn Rd meeting last November have also been uploaded.

NC Planning

SB Library, noticeboards

DE Treasurer

FC Minutes

RL Local Residents and publicity for JRA

BY Anti-social Behaviour

CW Publicity folder in library, tidy gardens project (TW to check with CW)

TW Environment overview, publicity overview, JCF events

AC Reaching out to students and young people

A nomination is expected for a student representative from Newcastle University

#### 4. Planning

Significant Developments in last two months

**Erection of 4 storey care home (Class C2) and single storey 80 place day nursery with associated car parking and landscaping(Class D1) following demolition of 3 unlisted buildings.** FORMER NHS Trust Fleming Nuffield Unit, Burdon Terrace, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3AE. Ref: 2014/1280/01/DET

NC attended the public meeting organised by the SOUTH Jesmond Ward Councillors. The meeting was generally not in favour of the proposed development, primarily on traffic grounds. The JRA will submit an objection.

**All- weather playing surface and associated athletics facilities for Newcastle High School for Girls.**

Town Moor, intake No 10 Great North Rd, Newcastle Upon Tyne. REF 2014/1385/01/DET.

NC to express concerns on behalf of JRA owing to concerns over placing an artificial surface on an outdoor grassed area.

**Amis Fitness, Floor 1, 68 Clayton Park Sq, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 4DP.  
Ref.2012/1006/02/RVC**

Temporary planning permission granted for one year.

**Newcastle High School for Girls-Senior School Redevelopment**

This application has not yet been validated by the local planning authority. The proposals are to demolish the existing two storey Church High Junior School building and replace it with a three storey building.

**12 Northumberland Gardens, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 1HA  
Ref.2014/0443/01/DET**

Appeal lodged-JRA have confirmed objection to the Planning Inspectorate

**46 Osborne Rd, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2AL/0619/01/DET**

Objection submitted primarily on the basis of the size of the rear offshoot.

**Jesmond Cinema**

Alan Grant has informed the RA that work is about to start on the Jesmond Cinema site and previously approved plans from 2008 will be used.

**Granville Gdns**

RL raised a question regarding whether the appeal for this application has been upheld. NC to check.

**5. Issues to take forward in 2015 and meeting planning**

**Bells Yard**

The issue of how to ensure that the target group is ensured fair access to Bells yard was discussed. There is considerable use of the space by students which tends to exclude the younger age group. TW will check with Fiona Clarke as to whether the Bell's Yard Group is still active.

**Jesmond Dene**

Concern was expressed regarding Jesmond Dene which is considered to be in danger of falling into a serious state of neglect due to disproportionate cuts having been imposed. The main concerns are:

- Ranger service has been cut drastically
- Bins having been set alight
- Large areas of weeds
- Groups gathering to drink
- Members of public feeling unsafe
- General shabby and neglected appearance

TW to arrange a meeting with one councillor from each area of Jesmond and a representative from the Friends of Jesmond Dene.

**Acorn Rd monitoring**

In principle the JRA would be in favour of monitoring the impact of the Acorn Rd Project after a decision has been taken on which development will proceed.

### **School Run**

Felicity Mendelson to organise a meeting with Highways department and schools to discuss the plans for Eskdale Rd school run Initiative. It was agreed that it is important indeed essential to look at such changes on an area-wide basis, particularly in view of the proposed closure of Lambton Tce at Brandling Park as part of the SCR4 developments.

### **Tankerville TCE/Osborne Rd**

In principle JRA would support the development of cycle lanes in both Tankerville Tce and Osborne Rd if they could be funded as part of a larger plan.

### **Farmer Market Cradelwell**

TW has contacted Felicity Mendelson whos considers that it is a potential project which could benefit the area as a whole and a meeting is to be arranged.

### **Tidy Gardens**

Negotiations continue with Jesmond Tree Surgeons and the local council officer on developing a contract for garden improvement which can be presented to landlords.

### **Membership Drive**

It was suggested that JRA should email local schools and nurseries in order to increase membership. An electronic flier, outlining the purpose of the JRA and how to join link mail would be sent to contacts who would hopefully disseminate it to parents resident in Jesmond. TW and FC agreed to gather contacts.

RA's commitment and hard work on co-ordinating link mail for the association was recognised. It was acknowledged that some thought should be given to how this important method of communication can be maintained when Ron steps down.

### **Summary of Action Points**

TW to check as to whether Cricket Club can provide a mike for next AGM

TW to look into possibility of employing auditor for AGM finances

TW/RL to write to David Hardman regarding communal bins pilot

Committee members to contact IN with any updates for website

RL to contact chairs/secretaries of other local resident groups and arrange a meeting

CW to create and update a folder with paper copies of key JRA circulations in library

TW to meet CW with regard to working on Tidy Gardens Project

RA to send any information he has on A.S.B to BY and a meeting will be held

TW to inform JRA of Newcastle University Student rep when a nomination has been agreed

Committee members to support AC when she gives her talk on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct at Jesmond Library, and NC on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.

NC to circulate a response to McArdle Care Home and Nursery application for approval

NC to check whether appeal to Granville Gdns has been upheld

NC to express concerns regarding Newcastle High School for Girls plan for an artificial pitch.

TW ask Fiona Clarke if Bell's Yard group is still active

TW to organise meeting about Jesmond Dene with representatives from council and Friends of Jesmond Dene.

TW/RL to organise follow up meeting regarding Eskdale Rd school run

TW/FC to contact primary schools and local nurseries as part of a membership drive

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 at Jesmond Library**