

JRA Committee Minutes
Jesmond Library, 18th March, 2015

1. Present: TW,RA,SB,RL,DE,AC and CW

The minutes of the meeting on 18th March 2015 were accepted as an accurate record. .

Apologies from :- IN and NC.

TW advised the resignations of Fiona Coleman and Brian Yhearm.

There was a discussion regarding replacements either now or in time for the

AGM. Agreed that a notice should be sent out on linkmail. ACTION = everyone

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of 18th. March.

Action points

Action Points from March 2015 Meeting	
RA to seek clarification from the city council and the police on the procedure for reporting incidents of night noise following the disbandment of the night noise team	RA stressed that the police should be informed at the time and the NN team should be notified the next day.
IN to update website with noise reporting procedure	TW to check
CW to contact the city council with regard to the tidy gardens scheme	See updating below
TW to invite participants to form a group to discuss the council's consultation process	This on hold whilst we pursue the Acorn Rd review
AT to contact Newcastle University careers service about library volunteering	TW to check
IN to tweet festival events which may appeal to students	TW to check
IN to inform KM about festival in order that information is added to the association Facebook page	TW to check
The association is to look into parking enforcement to see if the situation can be resolved.	National regulations attached, TW is investigating the NCC approach to pavement parking
Meeting with residents' groups: to be arranged for end of May (RL)	

3. Consultation by the City Council. TW = Steve Parks of the Council will welcome more involvement by the JRA in determining how consultation should be carried out. This will cost money. RL= Council must pay towards the cost or the results will be ignored by Council. RA = communal bins is a current issue. TW = figures quoted by Cllr. David Hardman on bins had not been verified TW = Bryony Simcox of Newcastle University is available to assist re reviewing Acorn Rd consultation, and will attend next meeting. Agreed we should ask NCC to contribute, and collaborate.

ACTION = TW

4. Newsletter. RA = input needed from SB, RL, TW (or CW re Gardens) before end May deadline. Printing and distribution costs to be investigated by TW. AC

= Had we considered Online Printers.uk? She had good experiences with

them. ACTION = TW, SB, RL, (CW?), RA.

5. Jesmond Festival and Food Market.

a) Festival. The programme is confirmed and printed.

b) Food Market RL = all is ready for 18/4/2015 on the Armstrong Bridge from 10.00 to 15.00 hours. RL = Help from committee members would be appreciated during and at clean-up.

TW = a JRA desk to be organized to provide information. RL = Anna is charging £10 /stall and the Council is not charging for the first 3 occasions.

6. Planning issues. NC had circulated 5 issues.

a) 116 Grosvenor Road . JRA to protest ACTION = RA to write

b) 1 Thornleigh Road. Considerable debate. No very strong feelings but the prevailing view was that that this proposed fish shop would intrude into an area which was on the edge of housing and commerce and that we should not allow removal of residential property. JRA to protest ACTION = TW to write

c) the 3 Lawful Development Certificate issues RA = these were really just good housekeeping issues and we should not oppose. Agreed. No action.

7. Reports

a) Housing Survey AC = City Hall were dragging their feet. The person concerned was Gwen Buren. AC = wanted more landlords accredited to the standards required AC = the students were ready with the

accreditation scheme so action was needed from City Hall. ACTION = AC

b) Tidy Gardens see item 2 line 10 above. Also AC to send details of her meeting with landlords. Skill Mill flyer was approved and a meeting is to be arranged (Action TW)

c) Various talks were noted by TW.

8. Treasurer's report. Cash in bank = £2423. Recent income exceeded expenditure by some £200. Treasurer will establish how much new members have increased JRA income. Audit of accounts to be carried out in ? June
Action DE

9. AOB. TW was concerned that recording Minutes was difficult at present since our two minute takers have resigned, and called for volunteers to see out the rest of the JRA year. Volunteers were DE = May, RL = June and CW (or some other) = July.

10. Summary of action points

RL to arrange meeting of local residents' groups before the end of May

All to make suggestions for new committee members and notice to be sent out on linkmail[TW: *I will write this*]

TW to discuss with City Council (Steve Park) that JRA and Council would collaborate over a review of the Acorn Rd consultation

RA to lead on the writing of the summer newsletter with a deadline of end May;

TW will obtain quotes for newsletter distribution

TW will send objection to NCC re 1 THornleigh Rd

AC to take forward the proposal for accreditation of landlords

TW to arrange a meeting with Skill Mill re Tidy Gardens

DE to arrange for audit of JRA accounts once the figures for 2014-15 are available.

Date of next meeting: Wed 20th May 7.30pm Jesmond Library

CW/TW 23.4.15