

JRA COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016

IN ATTENDANCE Tony Waterston TW, Roger Loxley RL, Crispin Welby CW, Prem Khana PK, Kathleen Cunningham KC, Tally Kerr TK, Andrew Stark AS, Dorothy Fellows DF, Nils Clemmetsen NC

APOLOGIES Sarah Breakey, David Etchells, Ian Nelson

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.** Accepted as an accurate record.
2. **ACTION POINTS FROM THE MEETING**
 - AS circulated the welcome leaflet and has updated information. Will email to group for consideration. Leaflet will be completed probably early February .TK will liaise with AS. Northumbria university will be hosting a Housing Fair 19 January.JRA will have a stall and TW,CW and KC will attend.
 - KC spoke to Dan Perry who recommended speaking to the Malhotra brothers regarding the Pub Partnership. KC will be invited to the next meeting and provide feedback to JRA. TW commented that this partnership needs to be published and made more open.
 - Community Festival. TK has agreed to chase her contacts to provide a band for the festival. The programme will be published 3rd week of January. DF said that a local resident has agreed to lead on a walkabout of the Vale, but this may be subject to change.
 - Play street. KC said that Sanderson Road is keen to promote this idea, and will contact Carol Botten for further details as to how to do it. TW agreed to forward Carol's details to KC. TW reported that Sally Watson has identified 2 streets in North Jesmond and 1 in South Jesmond.TW agreed to speak to councillors. Carol's presentation will be put onto the website and a report sent on linkmail.
 - Blue Bell application. DF advised the group that the Planning Committee will consider the application on 19 January 2017(this is now 13 January).
 - PK reported on landlord details. There are 6 names in the brochure (should be +200). He reported that the landlords felt that no one listens to them. TW felt that it was important to have a representative from the landlords and have a clear focus as to the issues. TW agreed to send the full list of landlords from the Jesmond local website to PK. There followed a lively debate of needs of landlords and the role of the JRA.
 - £50 donation made to community festival.
 - North Jesmond ward committee meeting, 23 November. CW and KC attended and reported that police are pursuing cyclists not wearing helmets or having lights on their bikes. The biggest issue which took up most of the meeting was anti social behaviour. The police are doing as much as they can. It was noted that there is a funding cut to £40K pa. Residents had been asked to email their views as to what they wanted the money spent on, with little response. At the meeting, the main consensus of opinion was to spend on anti social behaviour.
 - Keep Jesmond Clean. TW reported a meeting is to be held with universities, date unknown about anti social behaviour. He stated that John Hogan, Registrar for Newcastle university is very concerned. AS suggested welcome leaflet be circulated to landlords. KC and DF agreed to approach letting agencies to highlight problems.

3. Planning/licensing report. Covered, see separate notes from NC. DF to email NC re Blue Bell.

4. Christmas festival. TW advised the group that the Christmas tree on Acorn Road had been vandalised on 14 December and pulled down. It was quickly re-erected, thanks to the proprietor of Acorn hardware. TW to check if Acorn Road has CCTV.

Christmas Festival, Saturday 17 December starting at 1pm, volunteers needed. Acorn Road will be closed and there will be 15 stalls including one for JRA. There is also a market on Armstrong Bridge from 10am, which is fully manned.

5. Blue House Roundabout. KC and Graham Grant attended. It was reported that the meeting was hijacked by a group from outside Jesmond. There wasn't much of an opportunity to comment because of this. There are 2 proposals to consider but no firm decision has been made. TW asked group which roads are rat runs in Jesmond. RL identified Osborne Avenue.

TW has drafted a survey for traffic reduction and asked members for comments.

TW will circulate minutes of Blue House roundabout meeting shortly.

6. Covered.

7. Student issues. AS met with the Community Rep from Newcastle University, reported no issues. TK reported no issues.

AOB. KC reported that Hospice Shop on corner of St. Georges Terrace had lots of black bags left out and the bins were overflowing as the bins weren't big enough and the 2 weekly collections was insufficient. KC advised to contact local councillors.

AS queried the process of dealing with waste mattress on street. Advised to contact Envirocall and the relevant landlord was responsible for dealing with disposal.

8 Date of next meeting Wednesday 18 January Jesmond Library 7.30pm.

Action Points

AS to circulate welcome leaflet to group for comment.

TW to organise JRA stall at Northumbria student housing fair on 19th Jan

KC to provide feedback to group after pub partnership meeting held.

TK to pursue band for community festival.

KC to contact Carol Botten re play street for Sanderson Road.

TW speak to councillors re play streets in Jesmond.

TW to send full list of landlords from Jesmond Local to PK.

KC and DF to meet to arrange visits to local letting agencies .

TW check if Acorn Road has CCTV

ALL comment on survey for traffic reduction.

TW circulate minutes of Blue House Roundabout meeting.

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