



**JESMOND RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**



JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 8th May 2024

Development of Aims and Objectives for 2024 and changes to Constitution.

Jonathan Scott reviewing changes to Constitution.

Lead roles relating to Aims and Objectives were shared out:

Liaison with the Police and Crime Commissioner – Eileen Strouzer

Liaison with Jesmond Ward Councillors – Katherine Crosby

Liaison with Jesmond Community Forum – David Houpt

LTN issues – Jonathan Scott

Liaison with local Jesmond businesses – Yve Ngoo

JRA contribution to Christmas/Winter Festival Events in Jesmond – Annie-Ester Dugini

Social Media – Aldo Spagnoli

Working with landlords – Ralph Tatt

Liaison with Jesmond Neighbourhood Groups – Ian Nelson

ASB / Environment – Ben Ponton & Jeannie Davidson

Planning and Licensing – Nils Clemmetsen

Each lead to prepare an outline plan for their area for the next meeting.

Management of JRA Social Media Accounts (Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter))

Communications Plan being prepared by Aldo Spagnoli.

In response to suggestions that there were too many Facebook posts concerning events from some sources and that the page does not pay sufficient attention to the diversity of our community.

This has been addressed in the following ways:

Where possible, if multiple events need to be notified, put together in one post.

An events list has been created which appears at the head of the page.

The JRA have started to follow pages created by local ethnic minority communities where such pages make following available.

The JRA will ensure that, in future, events promoted by these communities are suitably acknowledged.

The mela event promotion is a start here.

Joint JRA/JCF Leaflet

Draft cover artwork has been prepared. Considering a October delivery to suit new student tenancies.

Jesmond East Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Awaiting outcome of new cabinet following the local elections and challenge to current council leader.

We found out that leadership challenge was unsuccessful during the meeting, but still need to see how the council plan to meet their policy commitments.

ASB

On ASB developments, the most significant news is the recommencement of Operation Oak, as of 19 April 2024, resuming its customary Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night deployment from 22:00 - 04:00. There is some confusion around a new text line number provided by Northumbria Police as an alternative to 101 voice calls, as to whether it's available for general use and we are seeking clarification on that.

Planning - NCC

NCC to get in touch with local councillors to see whether they would support Article 4 direction to require planning permission for change of use to Short Term Holiday lets when the new planning class is implemented later this year.

Licensing

No current licensing applications in Jesmond.