JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 2nd October 2024**

**Election of Officers**

The meeting agreed the appointment of the officers as follows:

Chair: Jonathan Scott
Vice Chair: Aldo Spagnoli
Secretary: Nils Clemmetsen
Treasurer: David Etchells

**Confirmation of Allocation of Portfolios to Committee Members**

In general portfolios previously held roll over – changes marked with italics:
Liaison with the Police and Crime Commissioner – Eileen Strouzer
Liaison with Jesmond Ward Councillors – Katherine Crosby
LTN issues – Jonathan Scott
Liaison with local Jesmond businesses – Yve Ngoo
JRA contribution to Christmas/Winter Festival Events in Jesmond – *Jonathan Scott with Aldo Spagnoli &* Eileen Strouzer
Social Media – Aldo Spagnoli
Working with landlords – Ralph Tatt
Liaison with Jesmond Neighbourhood Groups – Ian Nelson
ASB / Environment – Ben Ponton
Planning and Licensing – Nils Clemmetsen
Banqueting Hall and Ouseburn Trust - Eileen Strouzer

**Christmas Events**

The JRA have been trying to get in touch with the Watson Foundation to discuss how JRA can contribute to Acorn Road Christmas Festivities that they sponsored last year, but they are not responding to emails.

A Jesmond Makers Market was considered based on interest by several local makers.
Post meeting note – After further consideration it has been determined that it is too late to arrange something like this this year and would like to set something up next year.

**Management of JRA Social Media Accounts (Facebook and X (ex Twitter))**

Agreed that Linkmail will continue to publicise events at Jesmond Library on the basis that we do not specifically publicise commercial events.

**Jesmond East Low Traffic Neighbourhood**

On hold due to uncertainty at both National and Local Government levels.

**ASB**

Operation Oak is active 7 days a week until 14 October 2024. There had been some confusion caused by the responses of individual police officers to queries. Operation Oak will then be active on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays after 14 October 2024.

Reference was made to banner advertising on fences for HMOs that had recently been put up by one of the Landlords. Members of the ASB group have been in touch with the Council (PSR and Planning) about this.
Post Meeting Note: The Council swiftly took action to have the banner advertising removed.

**Planning**
As per the Planning Monthly summary sent out on Linkmail, there are two significant planning applications. We need to agree if we are going to comment and if so on what basis.

Change of use from retail to drinking establishment at former Boots shop, 53-55 St George's Terrace
Agreed that the JRA should object along the same lines as a follow up to the JRA objection to the licensing application.

Conversion of Whites Hotel to residential with additional buildings on the car park
Comments will need to be made by around 24 September 2024. Additional pressure on car parking in the area due to this development is likely to be a concern to nearby residents. There is no car parking provided for the flats above the bar in the original building and 8 car parking spaces for the 8 mews properties.

Comments to be prepared and circulated to the Committee before submitting.

**Licensing**
JS to attend and speak at Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday 8 October 2024 - Teams Meeting ref application at 146 Manor House Road for Siesta Coffee.
Post Meeting Update: The application was granted but with reduced opening hours:

Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 21:30
Sunday 10:00 to 19:00

The later opening was agreed by the applicant, the earlier closing was imposed by the licensing committee. The applicant is supposed to have agreed conditions with Northumbria Police. The decision could still be appealed.

Application at ex Boots on St George's Terrace for "Angel's Share". Objection submitted. Anticipate that we will be invited to attend a Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting in due course.
Post Meeting Update: The Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6 November 2024.