JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 9th April 2025

Committee Vacancies
Annie-Ester Dugini and Ciaran O'Shea have resigned from the committee.

Makers Market
The first market was held on 22nd March and was a success.
The market has been renamed as the Artisan Market as there is already a maker's market in Jesmond.

Treasurers Report
Current Balance 9/4 £6689.60

Feedback from Special Meeting
Due to the changes at Newcastle University, we are not to expect an awful amount of engagement from them. James Coles is currently discussing issues with Chris Day (VC of the Uni). Once we meet up with James we can move forward.

Planning
Two changes of use to increase number of occupants in an HMO from 6 to 8. Granted at 54 Sunbury Avenue but refused at 16 Fern Avenue.

No applications requiring observations from JRA.

Licensing
No applications requiring observations from JRA.

Public Opinion & Engagement
A document detailing suggestions for public engagement and recruitment has been produced, this was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The four main areas are: Public opinion and engagement, Recruitment strategy, Outreach and communication strategy and Communication channels.
Topics for consideration include the public profile of the JRA i.e. how are we seen by Jesmond Residents? Are we relevant to them? and is the committee representative of Jesmond i.e. age, ethnicity and gender.
The profile of the JRA was raised by involvement in the Acorn Rd Christmas decorations last year and would like to be involved again. A meeting with the Watson Foundation to be arranged.

AOB

JCF
Jesmond Community Forum think it would be beneficial if a JRA Representative attend their meetings.
JRA Chair to meet with JCF

JRA Noticeboard
The state of the JRA noticeboard base has not improved with the brickwork still disintegrating. The JRA have contacted the N. Jesmond Councillors but no action has been taken. Councillors to be contacted again to express the concerns of the committee.

Animal Rescue
AS is to compile a list of animal rescue organisations in the area, this will be publicised on the JRA Facebook page.