JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**JRA Special Meeting Wednesday 12th March 2025**

**Committee Members Present**: David Etchells, Katherine Crosby, Ciaran O'Shea, Ben Ponton, Eileen Strouzer, Ralph Tatt

**Apologies for absence**: Nils Clemmetsen, Jonathan Scott, Ian Nelson, Aldo Spagnoli, Neil Ford (Newcastle University), Milo Barnett (S. Jesmond Councillor), Lesley Storey (S. Jesmond Councillor)

**Also Present:**

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| Vashti Hutton: | Northumbria University |
| Emma Candlish: | Northumbria Police |
| Nathan Johnston | Northumbria Police |
| Dave Sharp: | Northumbria Police |
| Edwin Foster: | NCC |
| Graham Beattie: | NCC |
| Kris Hartridge: | NCC |
| Jessica Earley: | NCC |
| Peter Allen: | North Jesmond Councillor |
| Philip Browne: | North Jesmond Councillor |

**Ben Ponton Chaired the meeting**

**Discussion:**
What progress has been made since the last meeting?

JS sent a letter to the Council about how it acts on ASB and HMO Licence holder enforcement action. A response has not been received, NCC have stated that they will respond and the JRA will resend the letter.

Northumbria University have, via the student portal, outlined that some ASB may be classed as criminal behaviour and that this may have an effect on potential careers. The myth that loud music is allowed until 11pm has been flagged up on the student portal, this campaign has also been run by Northumbria Sports.

The Council and Police are acting on ASB complaints and enforcement action is being taken. The issue for residents is that this is not transparent, and it looks like nothing is happening, this in turn leads to ASB 'fatigue' where residents feel that there is no point complaining because nothing will be done.

In order that the residents can see that there are processes, and that action is being taken, NCC will publish the appropriate processes (enforcement etc). These will then be added to the JRA website. Furthermore, the Universities, the Police and the Council will give quarterly updates on their activities regarding ASB, these will also be added to the JRA website.