

SGRA Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 2nd April 2007
At 7pm in the Victory Public House.

Welcome

Jerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Sonia Bradley, Caroline Simpson, Siobhan O'Brien, Colin Walmsley, Matt Hambling.

People Present

Dave Roberts, Jerry Ruddick, Irene Matthewson, Hazel & Paul Spicer, Ruth Hughes, Fiona Wilson. Gordon Robinson, Anna Maria Mccool

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record.

Update on Action Points from Previous Meeting

William Street Flats request for recycling boxes.
Your Homes Newcastle is going to consult the residents of the flats.

South Gosforth Metro Station – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

This was raised by the SGRA at the ward committee and it was stated that this would be looked at in the overall traffic plan for the area. There was some lively discussion about the various options though it was all agreed that any options would take some time to materialise.

Feedback from Meetings Attended

Jerry raised the concerns re lack of police presence in the area, he was advised that there are police patrols but not always in uniform. They tend to concentrate on areas that have a higher crime rate in the Newcastle.
It was also pointed out that the 101 number should be used for raising non-emergency matters such as antisocial noises – music.

Mildene Home

Jerry expressed his appreciation that at long last the lamps had been installed outside the home, there was some concerns though that the barriers were still in place, it was confirmed that the electricity board is to finish the wiring to the lamps. A very big thank you on behalf of the SGRA was made to Dave Roberts for making this happen. Jerry also sent an email of thanks on behalf of the SGRA to the Ward Councillors.

Newsletter

It was decided that we will use the newsletter to advertise as to what the SGRA has achieved over the last year, items suggested dropped kerbs are going to be installed on Ridgewood Gardens, William Street access on the path and also at the Mildene Home. The installation of streetlights at the Mildene and the land had been cleared of the trees in the triangle. Wrendale House issues, request from the residents of William Street flats that they be included in the recycling boxes scheme.

Fortnightly meeting with Persimmons Homes

It was discussed that there is not a clear channel of communications between the SGRA and the developers to address concerns and issues raised in the area whilst construction work is ongoing. Jerry advised the meeting that Anna Maria McCool who lives opposite the site on William Street had volunteered to attend the meeting on a Friday with Dave Roberts and the site manager of Persimmon Homes.

Anna asked for a copy of the licence that was granted by the Council, Jerry will send a copy. In addition, it was stated that when work starts to get busier on the site then the meetings would revert to a weekly format.

It was noted that there were reports being circulated that vehicles would be using William Street – Field Street for access to the site. It was agreed that if we can attend the meetings on a regular basis then this would help to stop misinformation being circulated.

There were a number of issues discussed concerning the site building and it was advised that these are being taken up by Newcastle City Council Property Services.

Charity Commission and Web Site

The website has had £14.40 generated from a transaction and the Annual Returns have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Any Other Business

Lilburn and Lartington Gardens

It was decided that the above streets be included in the Newsletter drop.

Ruth stated that she had made several requests for a recycling bin but with out success, Dave will pass this on to his department.

William Street Flats

Dave advised the meeting that there had been an ongoing request from a resident of these flats concerning the down comer drains, this has been reported to Your Homes Newcastle (Repair Call) this has been given a deadline of 7 days for the works to be carried out.

Also it has been raised that there are obsolete metal bin bag holders in the flats, these will be removed and this has been given a deadline of 28 days.

Anna Maria expressed appreciation as to what the SGRA and Dave Roberts have achieved in the area; the Committee Members and Dave warmly appreciated her compliments.

Fiona Wilson thanked Dave for managing to resolve an issue concerning wheelie bins in Rows Terrace.

Irene advised the meeting that she had met Councillor Peter Arnold when he was in the area, she pointed out to him that there were several bags of debris in Field Street back lane which was of concern. Councillor Arnold advised her that he would sort this out. The rubbish was disposed of the next day and Irene was very grateful for his help in this matter.

Sheila Parks had advised Jerry that she wished to step down from the Committee due to commitments; Jerry passed the SGRA appreciation for her support and wished her well.

It was suggested that at our next meeting the site manager from Persimmon Homes be invited to attend and address concerns raised with the residents.

Refuse Collection & General issues around the area

Dave advised that street cleaning is to be alternated on Thursdays

Date and Time of Next Meeting

SGRA Meeting – Monday 4TH June 2007 at 7pm in the Victory Public House.

(This was to be the 28th of April but due to other issues this has been moved to June 4th)