

**South Gosforth Residents Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**6<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

**In attendance**

JR, AW, CSW, PMcD, RH, GR, KMcM and two new members – Lorraine & Geoff Howey

**1. Apologies**

JA, CW, Annabel McKinnon, Tom Jarman

**2. Agreement of previous minutes**

Agreed

**3. Action Points not arising on the agenda**

Objection to amendments to planning application for the development of Nomad Housing site into flats and impact of construction traffic on William Street. No one from William Street has contacted SGRA, so don't know if anyone there does object. Decided not to pursue this matter.

JR did contact Annabel McKinnon about SGRA being added to the "list" of consultees for any other local planning issues as they arise. AMcK passed this on to the appropriate City Council Officer, who sent a very dismissive email to AMcK, stating that due to their nature, Residents Associations were never added to consultation lists as they have a habit of disappearing. The reply was extremely derisive of all RAs; AMcK showed this to JR who will be raising it at the next Ward Committee meeting.

**4. Easter Cards**

JR thanked those who helped fold and deliver the Easter cards and welcomed the 2 new members who attended as a result of receiving their card! Still ended up having the incorrect number of cards printed, for future reference we need 400 copies. (Please all note!)

**5. Feedback from Meetings Attended**

No other meetings attended

**6 & 7 Action Plan for the Green / Goalposts**

Points for the Action Plan – vision agreed

Trees – anything planted need to be big enough to withstand vandalism attempts

Goalposts – TJ has "closed" this idea as far as the Council is concerned, as it was not generally supported by the residents, though JR has been approached several times by young children in the area asking "when can we have goal posts"?

No costings received as yet from either TJ or AW

CSW has not yet contacted TJ about adding SGRA to the "summer planters" list

Funding – new source could be the "Big Lottery Fund". We need to be clear about our vision and mission before we can apply for any funding, the action plan still needs work doing to it, it is not yet in a format that could be used to support any funding application.

Other ideas – community "spring clean" of the bank down to back Station Road or a scheme with the Council to involve the local children in a clean up.

Need to request more frequent emptying of the litter bin at the bottom of the steps down to Commercial Street. Noted an improvement in the frequency that mechanical sweepers have been

seen in the area.

New contact at the Council – Dave Roberts, Neighbourhood Operational Manager.

## **8. AOB**

Trinity Church on the High Street is developing plans to create a town square and also other outlying sites in the area. Could SGRA get involved in this perhaps?

Action Points for JR – reserve 3 tables in the pub for future meetings.  
- Report overflowing drain at back of Ridgewood Gardens flats to Envirocall.

Shaun Hartley tendered his resignation from the committee to JR; he was thanked for his work for SGRA in the past.

The cheque for £172 from the Ward Committee has arrived and has been safely added to the bank account!

## **9. Date and Time of next meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7 p.m. in The Victory