

South Gosforth Resident Association

Minutes

9th March 2005, The Victory

In attendance –

JR, AW, CSW, CW, PMcD, RH

1. Apologies

TJ, SH, JA, CC, KMc

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes were agreed, no actions arising not covered on the agenda

3 Action Points

JR has decided not to contact the City Council re: hosting the SGRA website, until such time that there is more information and the site has been updated.

4 Easter Card

JR circulated design for the card.

Web site address to be removed, web site needs more work and making a splash about the launch of the website could be a news item in the newsletter later in the year.

350 cards to be printed, clear Arial font to be used, dates for April, May and June meetings included, plus date but not the venue of the AGM in July.

Easter card distribution – 7pm, 21st March at Jerry's house (11 Ridgewood Gardens) to fold and distribute the cards, all helpers welcome!

5 Action Plan for the Green / SGRA

CSW drafted an action plan; JR added a paragraph regarding the ownership of the green. This document can be used to support future funding bids. JR offered SGRA's thanks to CSW for the work so far.

Action – next meeting, all to bring comments on the Action Plan.

Discussion about whether we need to consult with residents again prior to starting any work on the Green coupled with the problem that we don't want to raise expectations and then have nothing happen. Suggested that we could re-produce the map/drawing of the green produced by SH last year, but only mark on up to 3 areas of work, which were identified from the previous consultation as the most popular choices (further seating, planters and some infilling of trees on the top of the bank on Back Station Road). These three items of work could possibly all be carried out without need for any further funding to be gained – there has been an offer of a further donation to buy a bench, we may be able to be "put on the list" to get Council planters over the summer months, and we could possibly afford to buy trees from existing funds.

Actions – CSW to enquire about planters.

CW – find out tree species / avenue trees suitable for purpose

AW – to get costings of some of the other works and prices of trees.

6 Nomad Housing

Planning permission for 23 flats and 23 parking spaces has been granted. The contractor has submitted some "minor amendments" upon which SGRA may particularly wish to comment about the vehicular access to the site, particularly the disruption construction traffic will cause during the works.

Action - JA to write to the Council on SGRA's behalf, quoting ref. 2003/2600/02/MAM by 23rd March

7 Feedback from other meetings attended

JR and CSW attended the East Gosforth Ward Committee on Monday 7th. Application for funds of £172 (for production of Easter Card and a newsletter later in the year) was granted in full.

Other items of interest were Hollywood Avenue residents pressing to close Salter's Bridge to minimise traffic flow. Concerns raised that yet another development to the Northern Rock site at Regent's Centre will have a knock on effect across the Ward, but particularly to Station Road of Salter's Bridge was to be closed or given restricted access.

Grant aid was agreed to support a mobile CCTV scheme, under which 2 cameras would be purchased and 10 sites identified that could be monitored. In the East Gosforth ward, one of the sites would include the area around South Gosforth Metro and the Station Road shops.

Proposal to create a Youth Forum within Newcastle, to engage with young people and find out their views.

8 AOB

Mr Bradley, Ridgewood Gardens has passed on his thanks, the tree outside his driveway has had several branches lopped, which had been of concern to him.

Lamp post along the path on the Green, second to last towards the Old People's home is not working but doesn't have an i.d. number on it, which makes it difficult to report.

9 Next Meeting

6th April at 7pm in the Victory

(21st March at Jerry's for anyone able to help with the distribution of Easter Cards from 7pm.)