

SGRA Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 5th, November 2007

At 7pm in the Victory Public House

Welcome

Jerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Sonia Bradley, Irene Mathewson, Brian Moore, Pat McDonald, Paul Spicer.

People Present

Jerry Ruddick, Gordon Robinson, Siobhan O' Brian, Sheila Parks, Hazel Spicer.
Colin Walmsley, Norma Shannon, Dave Roberts.

Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record although it was requested that a paragraph be changed. Jerry agreed to take this on board.

Update on Action Points/Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Kerbstone outside 17 Gosforth Terrace

Gordon informed the meeting that this work has just been completed by the city engineering department.

Recycling Bins

Colin asked when the recycling bins would return to outside South Gosforth Metro Station.

Action Point

Mildene triangle

Jerry is to bring this item up at the next Ward meeting, Dave is under the impression that the land may belong to Tenerife buildings but will investigate this matter further.

Mildene Waste Bin

There have been several complaints about the bin being placed on the public footpath, Jerry was going to raise this at the Ward meeting but it was suggested that a letter be sent to the home raising our concerns.

Action Point: Sonia

Splash Guards - South Gosforth roundabout.

The splash guards which were requested for so long for were removed during the recent gas repairs on the main road. It has been noticed that half of the panels have not been replaced. The meeting was advised that if the barriers are not replaced then the council will install them then send the Utility Company an invoice.

Dropped Kerbs on the green

Jerry is waiting for a reply to an email that he sent to Your Homes (YHN) for more information.

Action Point

Trees on the green

The suggested idea of putting some trees on the green is to be put to the council by Dave Roberts. It was also suggested that there are other individuals in the council who could be approached for advice.

Station Road Bollards

It was stated that bollards would be fitted on the footpath outside the Pizza shop when the path was repaired, the repairs were carried out 14 days ago and no bollards have been fitted.

Some of the new paving slabs are now cracked due to heavy vehicles parking on the footpath; it was felt that the money that has been spent is of little use as without the bollards being put in place then the pavement will deteriorate very quickly. This issue will be raised at the Ward meeting.

Wrendale House.

Residents were concerned at the amount of rubbish that has been left at the Persimmons building site, other issues were raised as well such as flooding at the Ridgewood Gardens entrance.

Action Point

Dogs on the green

Residents are not happy with some dog owners who let their dogs dirty on the green and do not clean up after them. It was requested that council notices regarding dog fouling are placed around the green,

Action Point

Hedges at Bowes Court,

Dave Roberts was thanked by residents from Bowes Court for having the overgrown hedges trimmed. Jerry also passed his thanks to Dave for arranging this.

Feedback from meetings attended

None attended

South Gosforth Green

Alcohol Consumption in Public Places

Jerry told the meeting that the green has been designated as a Public Area; this means that the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

GIG (Good in Gosforth)

An Email was received from Ann Hogg regarding an over 50s event which is to be held at Gosforth Civic Hall on the 24th November, the event will be called Good in Gosforth (GIGs) with much more information for more mature residents, It was suggested that we might like to participate with an SGRA table, Jerry to investigate.

Financial update

Gordon confirmed that we have £129 in the bank but some payments are still to be made, Siobhan suggested that we should think of some new projects and add to our on going grant application, ideas for the next meeting please! Jerry also advised the meeting that we have the sum of £5.26 pending in the web shop account. If there is anyone who buys Xmas presents or shopping on the net perhaps they could have a look at the website, there are big store names that have signed up that can be used.

<http://www.buy.at/SouthGosforthResidentsAssociation>

Street lighting

Colin mentioned that the street lighting program is soon to be started, we wait for further information from SES, (the contractor)

AOB

Dave gave out a Neighbourhood checklist which asked about various issues in our area with a request to deliver to Jerry when completed.

Siobhan however thought that the sample would be too small to give a true reflection of the residents.

Dave is to send a PDF file with the details of the checklist form to interested parties.

Newcastle University

Jerry received a questionnaire as an attachment from a lecturer at Newcastle University; this was on the behalf of some students who were doing architecture and urban design in Gosforth. The questionnaire was issued by email to the committee members. The lecturer received many very useful completed replies, as a result of this the students were able to make there presentation before our meeting. Jerry did pass an invitation for two students to attend.

The lecturer also stated that the website was very useful in having access to previous minutes of meetings.

The Roundabouts Competition

Jerry was asked if there had been a winner for the above, Jerry advised the meeting that the prize was still up to be won. The winner that gets the nearest 3 years either side of the correct answer will win a £25.00 cheque.

(Answers to Jerry by email or letter)

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on the 3rd December at the Victory Public House.

Meeting Closed.