

St Helens Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 22nd February 2010

Venue: 28 Highlever Road

Attendance: Clare Singleton (Chair)
AK
NW
JH
JC
RH
MT
JTB
LG
CM

Apologies: AM
MHM
TM
HP

Date and topics for next meeting

CS welcomed the three new committee members, Joe Tatton-Brown, Catherine Mannheim and Lucy Gaiger. It was proposed that the date for the next open meeting should be 13th May followed by drinks. There will be a leaflet drop to let members know the date nearer the time. CS to send a note to the general membership to see if anyone would like to organise a summer party (to include children). A potential date for the AGM would be 4th November.

Topics for the meeting on 13th May could include:

- A short talk from the Kensington Society which might give details of their activities, their experience of how to run a local campaign and a report on the Portobello development.
- A short talk on the new St Quintin Family Centre in Highlever Road.
- A short talk from Terry Oliver (kitchen gardens, beehives, other garden projects).
- An update on the Towers, if there is anything to report.
- Financial report.
- Community notice board (see below).

Community notice board

RH reported that Judith Blakeman has confirmed the availability of funds for this project for the next two years. We need planning permission from the Council (costing £170) and NW is seeking the permission of the landlord of the bakery to position the board on the side wall on Kelfield Gardens. JH has provided details of a suitable board costing in the region of £300 plus installation.

Gold standard application

RH has received the application form which she will study with CS. We can apply for a grant of £500 from the Council to spend on community activities. RH reported that the SHRA currently has approx. £250 in the bank.

Portobello campaign

A number of smaller shops have been bought by one owner and turned into one large shop. It was agreed that the SHRA could be interested in matters that affect the wider area of North Kensington and not just the specific geographic area of the Association. NW reported that it is a priority of the Council not to lose the character of Portobello Road.

Wedge cards

CS reported that a loyalty card scheme will be introduced in March 2010 to support local businesses. We should try and distribute some of these cards at our next meeting in May.

St Quintin Family Centre

JH to draft a letter of complaint regarding the inappropriate lighting at the entrance to the Centre.

Council planning consultation

JH provided the committee with the URL for the Council's planning obligations (<http://idf-consult.rbkc.gov.uk/portal>). This sets out in principle what kinds of planning applications require planning obligations and how monies are likely to be spent on projects related to proposed developments (contributions towards affordable housing, healthcare, education etc). Any comments should be sent to JH by 7th March for onward submission to the Council by 12th March deadline.

AOB

- JTB to draft a letter to the Council asking why the tennis court on St Mark's Road is not maintained.
- NW to object to planning permission for a front velux window on a house at the far end of Highlever Road which is out of our specific area.
- MT has contacted the Council about the icy pavements during the snow in January and will send photographic evidence next time if the situation does not improve.
- The St Helen's Food Store now has a licence to stay open until 10pm.