

**Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

6.45 p.m. 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Christchurch Newmarket Road

**PRESENT**

Roger Chatterton	RC	Joint Chairman
John Lawton	JL	Joint Chairman
Jeremy Waller	JW	
Leonie Llewellyn	LL	
Susan Dixon	SD	
James Oram	JO	Secretary taking minutes
Sally Westwood	SW	
Sue Gordon-Roe	SGR	Treasurer
Colin Rosenstiel		City Councillor
Tim Bick		City Councillor
Sarah Whitebread		County Councillor
Justin Argent		Chair Strawberry Fair Committee

1.	<b>Committee introduced to floor.</b>	
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2.	<b>Apologies</b>	ACTION
2.1	Apologies received from Wendy Andrews	
2.2	Michael Ashby has stepped down from the committee	
2.3	If anyone would like to be on the committee please make themselves known.	

3.	<b>Minutes of last AGM</b>	
3.1	Main points were:	
3.1.1	Cellar Bar	
3.1.2	Zebra crossing	
3.1.3	Midsummer Common – various issues regarding management of common – FoMC more involved BruNK committee members attended the meeting	
3.1.4	Midsummer and Strawberry Fairs.	
3.1.5	Marks & Spencer closure	
3.1.6	Cambridge Regional College development	
3.1.7	Maids Causeway – bus stop and traffic	
3.2	Approval of minutes proposed and seconded	

4.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
4.1	SGR – finances similar to last year	
4.2	Thanks for the donations over the year.	
4.3	Donations for tonight would be welcome. The committee agreed to make charitable donation during the year.	
4.4	There was a small profit of £80 this year but printing was free and this likely to end.	
4.5	The Burleigh Arms have helped with meetings, SGR expressed thanks on behalf of BruNK for their help.	
4.6	Accounts approved	

5	<b>Election of Committee and Officers</b>	
5.1	The co-chair arrangement has worked well	
5.2	Exiting committee were named	
5.3	Committee proposed and seconded	
5.4	Officers proposed and seconded.	

6	<b>Review of Year</b>	
6.1	The HCV restriction	
6.1.1	On Maids Causeway is to try to prevent it being used as a through route.	
6.1.2	20 mph limit promised end of March now moved to April. Sarah Whitebread confirmed it will now be the end of May. Council has not been able to survey and erect signs due to bad weather – but the scheme covers the whole of City centre.	
6.2	Salmon Lane –	
6.2.1	An ongoing saga since 2005 in which Tim Bick has helped.	
6.2.2	The removal of trees here met with opposition and area has been used by drug takers, more vegetation could increase this problem.	
6.2.3	Residents asked for personal car parking. An alternative is paved area.	
6.2.4	BruNK committee suggested use of a temporary CCTV to monitor drug users.	
6.2.5	Tim Bick gave an update – there are funds available that would allow for grass and its upkeep but not a hard surface.	
6.2.6	Repairs to the car park (tree originally taken down as damaging car park structure) to be made in late Autumn and after that there may be funds for an upgrade to a hard surface later on.	
6.2.7	Railings would stop parking, lane is double yellow line anyway.	
6.2.8	Colin Rosenstiel – if the concern is anti-social behaviour, parking may help this as	

	would increase activity in the lane. And would be easy to police as residents parking.	
6.2.9	Tim Bick – residents were asked about parking but those attending meeting not keen (but only two there!).	
6.2.10	The Boots dispensary could be a problem drawing drug addicts to area.	
6.2.11	Are there facilities for taking drugs and disposing of needles safely nearby?	
6.2.12	Salmon Lane is popular for drug addicts as it's not overlooked.	
6.2.13	Tim Bick will look into disposal facilities for needles.	
6.2.14	If Salmon Lane is better maintained it may be busier and this could drive away drug users.	
6.2.15	SD raised question of surface water drainage if the area is paved would this reduce drainage?	
6.2.16	“Hard grass” which is grass with a mesh underneath could be used.	
6.2.17	Probably no additional funds for parking bays.	
6.3	YASUME Club	
6.3.1	A synagogue is to be built on the site RC met with Council rep. and Frank Harris of the Synagogue.	
6.3.2	There has been a right of way from Auckland Road to common alongside the club house, and there was concern that it may be lost	
6.3.3	It is not clear if it is actually a right of way but it has definitely been used for access to common.	
6.3.4	Council had reduced sale price to ensure the right of way maintained, the two council departments did not liaise on this matter originally. Closure of access to common will not be allowed but vehicular access is another question.	
6.3.5	Barry Higgs – access from Newmarket Road for vehicles is difficult.	
6.3.6	RC – pointed out that the Synagogue should not cause traffic problems as there is no driving on the Sabbath and the building will be small.	
6.3.7	Suggestion from floor that a record of the old club should be kept, could a further condition of sale be attached – Robert Halliday a local historian may be the best person to contact about this.	
6.3.8	Or talk to Beth Shalom the Synagogue about preservation or City Council as sale has not completed.	
6.3.9	The old club has been important to community for example in 1955 a local resident had their wedding reception there.	
6.4	Anti Social Behaviour on Midsummer Common	
6.4.1	The bench near the pedestrian crossing is attracting trouble AW has followed this up.	
6.4.2	Mark Thomas is street life officer and community beat manager and has been made aware.	
6.4.3	Dispersal Order does not cover Midsummer Common –	

6.4.4	Tim Bick clarified – Dispersal Zone is a power available to the police they have a general power of dispersal as well Section 27 Violent Crime Reduction Act. Section 30 allows PSOs to help.	
6.4.5	Tim does not believe a Section 30 will require police to deal with any incident quickly – but he will check this.	Tim Bick
6.4.6	Another problem is gangs of youth gathering on common leaving litter – would a dispersal order help with this as so far police have been unresponsive.	
6.4.7	Tim will find out if police response is different inside and outside a dispersal zone – may be difficult to have one in an open space.	Tim Bick
6.4.8	The bench on Midsummer Common could be temporarily removed to deal with that particular problem.	
6.4.9	Any incident should be reported as this information is used for decisions on dispersal zones.	
6.5	Zebra Public House –	
6.5.1	Still causing problems with noise from those outside smoking & loud talking, this should be reported to Environmental Health they have acted in past. This is one of the consequences of the smoking ban.	
6.5.2	The extreme measure is a suspension of the licence. Local residents requested that the Committee write to Environmental Health.	BruNK
6.5.3	Option to review licence could be an effective threat.	
6.5.4	The landlady does seem to be a responsible and reasonable person.	
6.6	Fitzroy and Burleigh	
6.6.1	Waitrose will be opening soon plans have just been submitted so will probably be in two months.	
6.6.2	Sainsbury could also be interested.	
6.6.3	Improvements to area generally with cosmetic repairs, no removal of cycle ban.	
6.7	Snow Clearing	
6.7.1	JL asked at Area Committee meeting about this and they are looking into it. Suffolk have an accredited volunteers scheme and Cambridge are looking into this.	
6.7.2	Un-trodden snow is less of a problem.	
6.7.3	Lack of grit was a problem.	
6.7.4	Colin Rosenstiel – the scale was too great for City council resources simply not enough staff.	
6.7.5	Should salt/grit be available to general public for them to do their own gritting? Grit bins are ugly Council looking into sacks.	
6.7.6	Scandinavian countries just put grit down and no salt because the usual problem there as here this Winter was the time the snow and ice was on the pavements – salt is leached away and it damages plants, vehicles etc over a long period of time.	
6.7.7	Sheffield had a bye law requiring shops to keep snow cleared from pavements in front of their premises.	

6.8	Eastern Gateway Hotel	
6.8.1	This was just outside our area and planning was refused. Travelodge were to appeal but Sarah Whitebread confirmed no appeal had been submitted.	
6.9	McKays	
6.9.1	There will be a public meeting in St Matthew's Church Hall 15 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 am to midday with talk and displays of plans for a budget hotel, student hostel and apartments.	
6.10	Midsummer Common Management Committee	
6.10.1	BruNK committee members attend these meetings.	
6.10.2	Barry Higgs gave the following details	
6.10.3	First phase of orchard planting has been completed in lower part of area for the community orchard nearest the common.	
6.10.4	Cattle can be put on Common from the start of April but this delayed as pinder did not have the means to remove cattle from the river and then had to delay until after the May fair, there was also a problem with transport.	
6.10.5	Too early to judge if the wildflower patch has taken.	
6.11	Bus Stop Maids Causeway	
6.11.1	Railings have not been removed so bus stop will stay as it is – could it be moved elsewhere perhaps to New Square?	
6.11.2	Colin Rosenstiel – One of the two lanes approaching the roundabout could be used for a bus stop he will help investigate this.	Colin Rosenstiel
6.12	Strawberry Fair	
6.12.1	Floor asked not to recount anecdotes and experiences but to use the time to find solutions.	
6.12.2	Justin Argent (JA), chair of the organising committee was asked first to explain the current situation after this views from the floor could be heard.	
6.12.3	To date there seems to have been problems with disinformation.	
6.12.4	JA – keen to liaise with interested groups and hopes the changes to the fair have been noticed.	
6.12.5	The plans for the future which would have been implemented this year were :	
6.12.6	The view is that old fair was different to recent fairs and it was decided last year to spend longer on planning and reverse some trends and make a mark on the community with smaller stages and other activities.	
6.12.7	Committee realises they have a responsibility and would like to encourage both a community feel and arts and entertainments.	
6.12.8	Solution to problems is crowd management, large stages encourages people to sit down and drink. Smaller stages will make crowd more mobile as well as other small scale activities.	
6.12.9	Fewer burger vans and food stall overall reduction in commercial stalls of 70%.	

6.12.10	The same crowd is likely to attend after these changes are made either they will enjoy it and come again or not return.	
6.12.11	Police objected to licence application – licence was granted but police appealed the current situation is as follows:	
6.12.12	The fair committee believe that some of the police suggestions are negative e.g. to secure the site with security checks and this would change the effect.	
6.12.13	The fair committee are keen to appeal to all segments of Cambridge society.	
6.12.14	Questions then taken from floor –	
6.12.15	Qu. Will there be a fair this year?	
6.12.16	JA – No the fair has been cancelled.	
6.12.17	Qu. Would they consider not selling alcohol?	
6.12.18	JA – Alcohol sales provide a good revenue, does not believe that bars at the fair cause problems based on various discussions and this is generally accepted. The bar suppliers are responsible and competent. The problem is alcohol being brought onto site. Last year council and police wrote to off licences requesting that they acted responsibly and threatening licence review if they did not. The fair security confiscated alcohol if it is not taken off the site by fair goers. Overall the committee believes it is in control of the alcohol problem.	
6.12.19	Qu. What is the value of the alcohol sales, could this be presented to the council?	
6.12.20	Colin Rosenstiel pointed out that the police also objected to the entertainments licence.	
6.12.21	A number of off licences had not acted responsibly and had stocked up for the fair.	
6.12.22	JA – committee does not object to sensible drinking the beer festival works well but they are looking at changing large bar to include entertainments.	
6.12.23	Qu. Is the fair about entertainment or making money from the sale of alcohol does the event need to have alcohol?	
6.12.24	JA – they are considering reducing the size of the bar he accepts arts events should neither have to include or preclude alcohol. But the sale of alcohol allows funding of arts.	
6.12.25	Joy Rosenstiel – Midsummer Fair does not sell alcohol but does have problems.	
6.12.26	Strawberry Fair is quite different as it is free and run by volunteers and so needs some source of revenue.	
6.12.28	Qu. – Would local organisations pay to be included in the fair?	
6.12.29	Barry Higgs (FoMC) – Speaking on behalf of FoMC the general view is tolerant. Fair organisers have worked hard and would like to continue to work with fair organisers they have spent a lot in improving fair such as toilets fencing and FoMC have been listened to, common is a public space.	
6.12.30	Qu. JL – What are objections to the entertainment licence?	
6.12.31	JA – They cannot determine the precise objection police have said crowd safety and child safety.	
6.12.32	From floor – The police attitude could reflect their concerns about their own funding.	

6.12.33	Floor – The fair is advertised nationally. So many people want a smaller fair and the presence of alcohol is not consistent with families and children attending. The police feel they should not be responsible for policing this event and have found it too dangerous to police at night.	
6.12.34	RC – Is it a question of money for the police?	
6.12.35	JA – police will always police event regardless of funding as it is their statutory duty.	
6.12.36	Police demands are one sided they have a monopoly and can therefore set the terms. The fair organisers cannot negotiate with them and cannot agree to police costs.	
6.12.37	Colin Rosenstiel – The council are finding similar problems with policing.	
6.12.38	RC – would it help if fair published its accounts to back up what is has been saying.	
6.12.39	JA – Believes transparency is a good idea however the fair's treasurer is not keen as the accounts contain commercially sensitive information.	
6.12.40	However summary is – Income from stalls £80,000 From bars £20,000 From gigs £5,000	
6.12.41	Colin Rosenstiel – What will happen of 5 <sup>th</sup> June this year (date of Fair now cancelled), JA has acted responsibly but many other individuals could cause a problem.	
6.12.42	RC – Julie Smith from Council has confirmed measures will be in place, meetings with residents and Councillors to agree a strategy. Strawberry Fair Committee is issuing further discouragement to 'Raspberry Fair' which could jeopardise the future of Strawberry Fair.	
6.12.43	RC – BruNK may not be able to tackle Raspberry Fair but could co-ordinate information. There is a concern that no one is in charge of managing Raspberry Fair.	
6.12.44	JA- The police and Council are taking Raspberry Fair very seriously.	
6.12.45	RC – Important to emphasise that Raspberry Fair is not related to Strawberry Fair but could harm the future of Strawberry Fair.	
6.12.46	Colin Rosenstiel – Policing of Raspberry Fair should be carefully considered.	
6.12.47	RC – If there are problems JA and Martin are available to discuss.	

7	AOB	
7.1	No other business	
7.2	Justin Argent and attending councillors thanked on behalf of BruNK.  Meeting closed.	