

Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

7.30 p.m. 24th May 2010 at 23 Brunswick Terrace

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
Wendy Andrews	WA	

1. Apologies for Absence:

No apologies

2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The minutes of the Pre-AGM meeting on 15 th April 2010 were approved	

3	20 MPH Limit	
3.1	Will this be threatened by recently announced public sector cuts?	
3.2	Committed expenditure has already been cut could this be a reason why the signs have not been put up?	
3.3	Keep chasing Karen latest date for action is end of July	?

4	Salmon Lane	
4.1	No update since last report, this project may also be vulnerable to any budget cuts.	
4.2	The drug problem here needs to be tackled	
4.3	Perhaps it is better not to push this matter at the moment.	
4.4	RC will chase Tim for progress	RC
4.5	The planting and maintenance of trees is too expensive.	
4.6	JL will contact Tim about trees to find out if the direction the plans seem to be going can be moved back to considering trees. He will also ask Tim about date of next Salmon Lane meeting.	JL
4.7	We should canvass opinion of those living in the houses backing onto Salmon Lane, they had asked for personal parking and had been offered residents parking which they were not keen on.	
4.8	Committee agreed that to push for planting rather than hard standing was preferable.	

4.9	We seem to be putting a lot of time into discussing this issue but we have not been in touch with residents of Salmon Lane – it has been difficult to consult with the landlords of the let properties.	
5	Waitrose	
5.1	Not sure if alcohol licence has been approved – M&S held a licence	
6	Down & Outs Midsummer Common	
6.1	At the West Central Committee the Police Inspector attending had just reviewed dispersal order applicable to area it does end on Fair Street Maids Causeway.	
6.2	Drunkenness common and possible drug dealing.	
6.3	Could drug dealing be photographed?	
6.4	Police have advised that the 0845 number should be used for any anti-social behaviour – this has been used in past and on one occasion police officers rather than PSOs were requested and three officers did attend.	
6.5	Using the 0845 number means complaints will be logged and this may influence a decision to move the dispersal order boundary.	
6.6	If a call is made from within the dispersal order area a faster response will result.	
6.7	Individuals should keep a personal log of calls made.	
6.8	The people in question who are causing disturbance have real personal problems and are ill, taking action against them could make their situation worse and will mean they move elsewhere.	
6.9	They have probably come here from Parkers Piece.	
6.10	However a public facility (part of common and the bench) has been colonised by a small group resulting in litter, public urination, foul language and shouting.	
6.11	Where would they go if moved?	
6.12	Is it possible to extend Section 30 order to the edge of the common?	
6.13	Contact and liaise with community officers – WA will do this	WA
6.14	Boots and Superdrug are now dispensing methadone which has drawn drug addicts to the area.	
6.15	The police have advised that those congregating at the bench like the attention that their disruption causes, it is part of the culture of this section of society.	
6.16	Does a dispersal order apply to two or more drinkers?	
6.17	Possibly by the end of month signs on most parks will be put up laying out bye laws for parks and commons.	
6.18	Parks are used by well behaved groups and families.	
6.19	Leaflet Brunswick Walk to encourage use of 0845 number?	?

7	Raspberry Fair	
7.1	RC attended meeting to discuss contingency plan with Steve Sergeant	
7.2	Main problem is that it is not clear what will happen on the day and how many people will attend.	
7.3	Police will be patrolling with two mobile police stations – level of policing will be tempered to level of activity on the day	
7.4	RC emphasised the importance of no vehicles on the common, camping or fires could also be a problem.	
7.5	Plans are in place and the police's primary concern is public safety.	
7.6	Police are not sure about what council are doing.	
7.7	Strawberry Fair have nothing to do with Raspberry Fair and they are helping police.	
7.8	There was another meeting between police and council	
7.9	Further meeting this week for all stakeholders.	
7.10	RC asked for the hotline number to be distributed to residents before the event but it may be too late to organise this.	
7.11	Most local residents seem to know about Raspberry Fair, there were four local residents groups at the meeting.	
7.12	Extra PSOs and warranted officers will be on hand.	
7.13	4 th June is the Grantchester Meadows rave and 5 th June is Raspberry Fair.	

8	MacKay's	
8.1	No plans have been submitted yet but should go in tomorrow.	
8.2	MacKay's business is not as good as it was and are considering an out of town shop.	
8.3	It is unlikely that they can be persuaded to keep a small store on the site.	
8.4	Plan is for a c.100 bed hotel, student accommodation and private flats.	
8.5	The new buildings could be as high as the new court building but residential area at rear will be lower.	
8.6	RC spoke to the architect, there is currently a lot of traffic to and from the MacKay's car park and the proposed development may not increase traffic. The hotel will have limited parking and will in any case be on East Road.	
8.7	The county court building cannot by law be overlooked so there will have to be a blank wall on that side.	
8.8	JL will monitor this when application goes in	JL
8.9	RC encouraged consultation with residents groups	
8.10	RC thought the plans looked OK.	
8.11	Travelodge – there may be an appeal if residential planning application section for that site goes through. If it fails they will submit a new five storey application.	

9	Bollards SD chasing County Council on this there should be a bollard installed soon on path from Brunswick Garden to the common.	
10	Increasing Membership 10.1 We do not have a membership 10.2 FoMC had been seeking to increase membership to increase influence with council etc. 10.3 There are around 20 on our e-mail list which is not many. 10.4 We would like a list of members who could help with various actions e.g. signing petitions. 10.5 The older profile of local residents may restrict joiners not all have e-mail. 10.6 Website feedback would be welcome – please contact JL 10.7 For next meeting – draft a flyer to encourage people to join.	?
11	Council Restructuring 11.1 Margaret Wright has taken the place of Kevin Blencowe on the planning committee.	
12	Barbeque 12.1 Proposed dates 11 th or 18 th July SGR will check with Burleigh Arms 12.2 Is the World Cup on?	SGR
13	Next Committee Meeting 13.1 Is there any need to meet before the barbecue? No after will be OK July 26 th at SGR's house.	
14	AOB 14.1 Justin Argent one of the committee members of Strawberry Fair who was at our AGM wanted to sell alcohol at the fair to raise funds and this was an integral part of the event. 14.1.2 Running a big event seems to require alcohol . 14.1.3 Alcohol being brought onto site is also causing trouble not just the alcohol sold on the site. 14.1.4 Could the event be ticketed? Probably not as it is a free festival. 14.1.5 Strawberry Fair is a hybrid of different types of event 14.1.6 Will no alcohol sales make any difference? 14.1.7 Without alcohol numbers attending may go down and it would not be commercially viable. 14.1.8 BruNK may not be able to influence next year's Strawberry Fair . 14.1.9 Should BruNk decide what sort of fair we want? Whether or not this includes alcohol is another matter. 14.1.10 Justin Argent outlined changes which could reduce alcohol consumption amongst other things.	

14.1.11	Add this to agenda for next time if there is anything new	RC
14.1.12	Court hearing is in October.	
14.1.13	Christ's Pieces AGM is on 14 th June at the Unitarian Church on Emmanuel Street.	
14.2.1	Railings – WA contacted Tim Bick who is doing a review of bus stops across the city so not much happening on this at the moment.	
14.3.1	Zebra – RC is in contact with Environmental Health and local residents who are being encouraged to 'phone environmental health.	
	Meeting ends	