

ALEXANDRA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
In the heart of Penge, SE20



Committee meeting
Thursday 10th March 2016

Present: **Tim Walby (TW)**
 Neil Coe (NC)
 Helen Millar (HM)
 Naomi Martin (NM)
 Linda Power (LP)
 Goli Whittaker (GW)

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were agreed. Outstanding action to be taken forward to be reported to the next meeting:

- Email account - Folders would be created in the account for each Association Committee member into which the coordinator will transfer relevant emails for the particular member's action.

Action: HM

- Email Account - All Committee members would be provided with the accounts address and password.

Action: HM

2. Finance update including AGM

NM presented her 1st report as the new Treasurer. The total ARA funds were £2,980.94 including £534.00 remaining from the Street Lighting money following payment to the council. The committee agreed that this should be offered back to the resident who had donated the largest amount which, if accepted, still meant they would made the biggest donation. The former Treasurer reported a cash movement (out of petty cash to the Open Gardens cash book) of £9.00 was reported in the current report that had been missing from a previous report. This error had been identified in the handover to the new Treasurer.

The committee reconfirmed the account signatories as NM, LP, HM and BF.

NM asked for agreement to pursue an online banking function to check account activity but NOT to be used for movement of money. The committee agreed. It was also agreed that LP would ask the Alexandra Group's agreement for the remaining money (£22.44) to be used for plants in communal areas.

A discussion followed about membership fees and the use to which the ARA subscriptions were put. It was agreed that the welcome pack should be reinstated. TW volunteered to review. LP agreed to ask SG to do the printing.

Action: TW, LP

LP would talk to FP about the Website and Facebook maintenance and report back to the committee.

Action: LP

It was agreed that the ARA would send a card to the local dry cleaner following the unfortunate incident in which he was beaten up to express their sorrow.

Action: TW

It was agreed that the AGM would be held in September. This move was agreed as possible under the current constitution. The venue was discussed and the Alexandra Pub was suggested. If this was not possible it was agreed that the Crooked Billet would be the preferred venue. It was suggested that the AGM should be in 2 parts: the 1st being for members only where the constitution and a suggested rise in subscription fees be discussed; the 2nd part being open to non-members.

It was agreed that the May committee meeting should focus on the reviewing ARA constitution and activities of the ARA to support an increase in the subscription. The AGM should be used to promote the value gained from the use of subscription money in supporting activities like the panto, the street party, the street light campaign, enhancing the communal spaces, the shed and other issues of concern and help eg conservation, drains, security, the shed.

Next Agenda: HM

3. Neighbourhood Watch update

GW presented her report. Burglaries were up across the ward although not in the cottages themselves. Effort was being

concentrated on warning about cold callers. It was agreed to invite the police and ward team to the AGM.

4. Lighting update

TW reported that he had sent an email to the Council expressing concerns of the delays since the Association had paid over the money for the street lighting and was waiting a response.

5. Alexandra Group update

LP reported that the Alexandra group (up to about 11 retired members) meet, when possible, on the last Friday of every month and about four or five turn out on the Sunday following the meeting to garden/tidy/sweep communal areas.

It was agreed that once the restricted money was used up (£22.44 remaining) there would not be a need to specifically allocate money to the group; if funds were required for the activities this would be requested from the ARA general funds. LP would report this to the Alexandra Group together with the suggested use of the remaining money (see 2 above).

6. 150th Anniversary/Big Lunch/Road Closure

It was agreed to hold the Big Lunch on 12th July in Princes Road. The church would be approached to see if they would provide tables and an alternative venue, should the weather prevent an outside event. Suggested activities were a Dickensian fancy dress theme and a bonnet making table. It was agreed that Angels costumiers should be approached to donate costumes. GW put herself forward, and got the support of the committee, to be leader of a working Group to organise the event. LP volunteered to join the group. A £500.00 budget was agreed for the event, any further funding to be brought back to the committee for agreement.

7. Planning and APCA representation

TW reported no feedback had been received on the information note on planning. It was agreed to invite a Bromley Planning to attend a 'walk about' of the cottages to view impact of building activities.

NC agreed to participate in the APCA in terms of review planning applications and raise issues when contravening the planning guidance.

8. Deeds for shed and Shed Roof

AP still had safe keeping of the deeds. LS (previous chair) would be approached concerning previous advice received.

Action: TW

LP reported the BF was supportive of the work planned to the shed roof.

9. AOB

- Alexandra Pub – handover was reported as being planned for June 2016. TW agreed to contact Steve Glynne for an update.
(Action TW)
- GW was to arrange an easter egg hunt
- It was noted that a new ARA secretary was still required. HM would stand in temporarily and approach the previous secretary for a job description

Action: HM

Dates of meetings

- Thursday 19 May, 7.30pm
- Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm
- Thursday 15 September, 7.30pm
- Thursday 17 November, 7.30pm