

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT: David Cornwell, Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Cathy Bird, Julia Fiehn, Mike Allsop, Peter Lamb, Sam Kamleh, Teresa Read, Richard Hudspith

1. Apologies for absence: Siobhan Oktay LBRuT, Cllr Bennett. No declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: agreed and David signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: Radnor café – three interviews have been held and one offer made, Contracts are now being drawn up by the lawyers.

4. Treasurer's report: (Statement 287, 12th October 2020)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 30 th September 2020	£4,578.73
Balance today	<u>£4,578.73</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 30 th September 2020	£661.38
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Add income:

Subscriptions & donations	£10.00
LBRUT Grant	£500.00

Total income	£510.00
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Deduct expenditure:

M & P Development (Clearance of front area at Corner of Wellesley Road & Stangate Mansions)	£288.00
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Total expenditure	£288.00
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	£222.00
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Balance today	<u>£883.38</u>
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June Collins presented the report having been appointed as treasurer to replace Cathy Bird from 1st September 2020.

She said there was little change in the financial position from the last meeting but expressed concern about the drop in income this year. The bank mandate for cheque signatures now needs to be updated and Andrew Miller will be added having replaced Peter Lamb as vice-chair in 2019.

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5. SMU update: Cathy said that no meeting is scheduled.

6. Planning: Mike said the demolition on Strawberry Hill Road has been approved. The Cusack Close plan is still under consideration. London Forum hopes local groups will write to their MP to express concern about the planning white paper and the impact it will have on the London area. Mike will draft a note to Munira Wilson in collaboration with David and Sam.

7. Friends of Twickenham Green: Teresa said she had contacted the secretary. The chairman has asked her to use the generic email. Minutes are now on the website. She reported that the Park Guards are not proactive and are lower grade than those in Richmond. Toilet signage needs to be more obvious.

8. AGM arrangements and Christmas event planning: Given the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic we hope it may be possible to hold an AGM in April 2021. The Christmas tree will be put up at the beginning of December but it is unlikely that we will be able to hold the usual carol singing event.

9. Review of the SHRA constitution: Andy and Pam have started the review which will also include suggested policies and procedures including Equal Opportunities and Data Protection. Andy will circulate the revised constitution and supporting documents tomorrow with a response date of 25 November. A Zoom meeting to discuss these will be arranged for 9 December at 7pm. The review of roles highlights some gaps and a need for potential new roles. This will be put on the agenda for the January committee meeting.

10. Bulletin 173: Julia had planned to send a draft before the meeting but the copy is now out of date because of the new lockdown and distribution will not be possible until that ends. The final paid ads will be in this issue but Julia suggested we continue to support local businesses. Julia will edit the March issue then plans to resign from the committee. Mike said he will contact the bulletin distributors a couple of weeks before the next issue is available to check they are happy to continue.

11. Councillors' update: Community fund, Local Fund and Recycling: David and Pam met Cllr Neden-Watts and the officer responsible to discuss possible removal of the re-cycling bins. They agreed to a review of site usage by local properties particularly flats. There is no news about the Local Area Fund.

12. Village plan: Sam has been in contact with Siobhan Oktay and a council officer. They are supportive of the plan but it is unclear whether planning approval will be required. Council funding cannot be used to cover fees so Architecture WK have generously offered to pay for a survey which enable plans to be completed. Sam will include the recycling area in these plans. David thanked Sam for her work on this.

13. Any other business: Pam said she had received an email via the website asking if a student could do some volunteering in the village as part of her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. The committee agreed that litter picking and weeding would be welcome and Pam will follow this up.

Teresa highlighted the issue she had raised in emails about potential changes to the Twickenham Riverside development plans. David made it clear that SHRA does not normally get involved with issues outside the area. David then had to leave the meeting and Andrew assumed the chair. Teresa said that, as the view from Radnor Gardens could be affected, SHRA should become involved. Some committee members agreed that we should be

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concerned about any impact on the view from Radnor Gardens. Andrew said that this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to allow time for proper discussion.

14. Date of next meeting: 20 January 2021

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm

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