

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 AT 7.30pm STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB

PRESENT

Chair Secretary Treasurer Committee members Andrew Miller Pam Crisp June Collins Mike Allsop Mary Hughes Peter Lamb Louisa Carradine Sam Kamleh John Tjaardstra

Residents

30 present

APOLOGIES

Committee members Julia Fiehn, Cathy Bird **Residents** Anthony Rentoul, Richard Hinwood, Dawn Livingstone, Mike French, Jim Carthew, Robert Youngs Cllr Rhi Lee

Andrew Miller welcomed everyone and said he was delighted to see so many people in attendance for the social evening and AGM of SHRA. He also welcomed PC Ray Sullivan, Councillor Richard Bennett and Councillor Michael Butlin.

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM, 26 April 2023 proposed by Sue Kennedy and seconded by Jeannie Edwards. The proposal was agreed.

Chair's report - Andrew Miller

Andrew thanked everyone for coming and particularly thanked those who have supported SHRA during the last year. He also thanked Cathy Bird, Julia Fiehn, Robin Moran and Richard Hudspith who are standing down from the committee. We have been unable to recruit new members to replace those who are standing down and this does pose a problem concerning ongoing activities and the future of the Association.

He then highlighted a few strong features of the last year's activities and thanked our sponsors for their support. He pointed out that next year's AGM will be critical for SHRA as key committee members are due to stand down and asked those present to consider if they could help.

Comments on the Chair's report were then invited.

A resident asked about the traffic survey that was completed last year. Cllr Bennett said that any future action was a low priority for the Transport committee.

A full transcript of the Chair's report is available on our website <u>Chair-speech-SHRA-AGM-</u> 2024.pdf

Treasurer's Report

June Collins thanked all residents who subscribe to SHRA and thanked the Fortescue Park Residents' Association who have made a block donation. Sponsorship from local businesses has again been a feature thanks to John Tjaardstra and she thanked St Mary's University and the Alexander Pope for providing a room for committee meetings. June thanked John Naish who has verified our accounts again this year and Louisa Carradine who printed the papers for the meeting.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by David Cornwell and seconded by Barbara Atherton. The proposal was agreed.

Election of SHRA committee

It was proposed that Mike Allsop, Louisa Carradine, June Collins, Pam Crisp, Sam Kamleh, Peter Lamb, Andrew Miller, Mary Hughes and John Tjaardstra should be nominated to the committee. The following officers were appointed by the committee: Andrew Miller as Chair, Pam Crisp as Secretary, June Collins as Treasurer. Resigning from the committee – Julia Fiehn, Cathy Bird, Robin Moran, Richard Hudspith. The proposal was agreed.

Any Other Business

A resident commented on the amount of fly tipping she sees in the area. It was noted that this can be reported on the council's website. Cllr Bennett said that the people who fly tip are aware of CCTV cameras and take steps to avoid them He suggested that residents should take photographs of offenders if they can do this safely.

Andrew said that graffiti was also an ongoing issue and that it was difficult to get it removed because this needed to be done by the owners of the different utilities.

A resident was concerned about the number of items of stock on the pavement outside some of the shops. Cllr Bennett will contact the streetscape team.

Another resident raised the issue of the planning application submitted by St Catherine's school for the rebuilding of their music block. Andrew said SHRA responded to this proposal last year and that they had reiterated those comments again regarding potential impact on Pope's Grotto and Stanhope's Cave. Once the consultation is finished a report will be sent to Planning committee.

Cllr Bennett said that 48 expressions of interest had been received regarding the café in Radnor Gardens. Residents hoped that a reasonably priced and community focussed tenant could be found.

Andrew declared the formal part of the meeting closed at 8.30 pm