

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION , HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 22 2013 AT STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Bruce Duff
	<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Pam Crisp
	<b>Treasurer</b>	John Naish
	<b>Committee members</b>	Teresa Read, Eugene Bacot Mike Allsop, Charles Owens, Cathy Bird, Peter Lamb, Julia Fiehn
	<b>Ward Councillors</b>	Clare Head, David Porter, David Marlow
	<b>Councillor</b>	Pamela Fleming
	<b>Police</b>	PC Ian Salmond, Safer Neighbourhood Team
	<b>Residents</b>	100+ present
<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	<b>Committee members</b>	Robert Youngs, Jackie Rowley

Bruce Duff welcomed everyone to the 48<sup>th</sup> AGM of the association.

Bruce asked the meeting to approve the minutes of last year's AGM. This was proposed by Robert James and seconded by Julia Fiehn. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

**Chairman's report – Bruce Duff**

Bruce began by introducing himself and his fellow committee members and thanking everyone for attending.

2012 – 2013 has been a lively and eventful year in Strawberry Hill which has been faithfully reported in our bulletin delivered free to 2.500 homes within the Strawberry Hill Residents Association boundaries. Strawberry Hill was brought into the spotlight when it was announced that St. Mary's University College was appointed to host teams from China, Japan, South Africa and Ireland as a base for their Olympic preparations. May/June then became the focus of much neighbourhood activity with street parties dotted around the area to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The highlight of this event was the passing of the Armada which Strawberry Hill residents could watch from Radnor Gardens.

SHRA then joined in with the Strawberry Hill Music and Fun day at Strawberry Hill House by running our traditional stall selling strawberries in various forms. A successful day from a publicity point of view rather than commercially.

Further excitement was generated on Strawberry Hill streets with the Olympic Road Race and time trials – the number of spectators proved the Olympic events to be quite a draw.

We were very glad to welcome two new businesses to the village – Lin Chan with her Wedding boutique and Robinson Design ensuring our shops continue to thrive.

SHRA was also very active on the planning front through our expert Mike Allsop when we were involved in getting the Waldegrave Arms to cut their hours and their music application. Success eluded us though with the plans to have 1 hour free parking in front of the Wellesley Parade shops implemented to help shoppers safely and conveniently. Local opposition prevailed and the scheme did not proceed.

December saw the return of the popular Christmas carol event with the Strawberry Hill House choir and free mince pies and mulled wine. By collecting donations we were able to donate £300 to Roy Kinnear House the home for severely disabled youngsters in Waldegrave Road. While the event was well attended, the small number of children there was disappointing.

The most contentious issue though appeared with a vengeance. The only thing I will say is the issue is the council Village Plan. I will make no comment as the issue will be discussed at the end of the Agenda with the help of Cllr Pamela Fleming, Strategic Cabinet Member for Community, Business and Culture.

I should like to thank the Bulletin distributors for their sterling work.

Finally, on a sad note, we wish to remember John Armstrong for many years a hard working member of the committee who died after a fairly short illness on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank Clare Phelps our retiring Secretary for her hard work over the years and wish her health and happiness in the future. Thanks also to Robert Youngs and Eugene Bacot without whom the Bulletin would not be the success it is.

**Planning:** Mike Allsop then updated members on planning. Mike monitors the weekly list of new planning applications to see if there is anything that is relevant to the Strawberry Hill area e.g. the Strawberry Hill House application and the Radnor House school application to increase the number of students. In this case, support was given to residents who opposed the application. Where residential applications are concerned support may be given to neighbours in some cases. Mike also commented on his liaison role with St. Mary's University College. This has included items such as the landscaping around the new sports hall, notice boards on Waldegrave Road, parking, student discipline and security. SHRA supported the College's application to put in a new pedestrian gate to open up views of the college chapel but this application was rejected by planning committee.

**Safer Neighbourhood Team:** PC Ian Salmond who is a member of the South Twickenham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) introduced himself and said that the team is not currently up to strength (a Sergeant, 2 PCs and 3 PCSOs). With the introduction of the new policing model, arrangements will change and each ward will have a PC and 1PCSO supported by a 'cluster resource' based in Twickenham. PC Salmond referred residents to the Met website which has details of the SNT and crime figures. There is also a crime map app for mobile use. South Twickenham crime figures are very low – an average of one residential burglary per week. Non residential crime is also low – 10 reported per month. PC Salmond is the liaison officer with SMUC and said that most issues are low level with anti-social behaviour an issue on club nights. Incidents are dealt with in conjunction with the college's security team. More PCSOs will be seen in the area in the next couple of weeks as they are cocooning the TW2 post code. Underage drinking is an issue in Radnor Gardens and door-step sellers are a problem in the area. Residents are advised to call Police on the local number if they are concerned. PC Salmond responded to a number of questions regarding car parking, late night noise in Radnor Gardens, Neighbourhood Watch, cycling on footpaths and the cycle lane in Central Twickenham.

### **Treasurers Report – John Naish**

John pointed out that the accounts are prepared on a cash basis i.e. payments and receipts are recorded when they are received. This can make annual comparison difficult, particularly regarding Council payments and events. Book sales are significantly lower as the previous year included sales of the newly re-printed issue. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Pam Crisp and seconded by Charles Owens.

John proposed thanks to Carol Ruddock for her first class job in auditing the accounts and recommended her re-election. This was approved, proposed by John Naish, seconded by Mike Allsop.

John then thanked the Golf Club for allowing us to use their venue and recommended the Club to residents as a valuable resource.

### **Election of SHRA committee**

Election of Bruce Duff as chairman, Pam Crisp as Secretary, John Naish as Treasurer and Robert Youngs, Teresa Read, Eugene Bacot, Mike Allsop, Charles Owens, Cathy Bird, Peter Lamb, Julia Fiehn and Jackie Rowley as committee members was proposed by June Turner and seconded by Clare Head.

### **Strawberry Hill Village Plan boundary**

Cllr Pamela Fleming opened the discussion by saying that the plan was not about changing boundaries. She referred to the 2010 All-in-one survey that was sent to every household in the borough and explained that responses were categorised into 14 village areas. The response rate

was 17% which is high for this sort of survey. Cllr Fleming said that this was not a decision making boundary and that it was about communication. A number of events were held in 2012 to discuss local priorities and then every household was sent a leaflet. Village plans were drawn up, consulted on, and then finalised in the autumn. There will be a second stage of consultation but no date was given for this. Many residents commented that they had not received the original consultation document and also said that the first question regarding location was badly worded. A resident of Fortescue Park said they had raised the issue that Shaftesbury Way was not in the Strawberry Hill Village Plan area a year ago. They had a meeting with John Addicott and other officers.

Cllr Fleming said that she would take these comments back as she was unaware of this feedback.

Residents from Shaftesbury Way, Preston Close, Hollies Close, Wellesley Crescent, Wellesley Road, Grange Avenue and Cross Deep all expressed their anger that their roads would no longer be regarded as part of Strawberry Hill.

Residents asked Cllr Fleming to explain what the Village Plans were for and how they would be used. She said that they would be used to engage residents in discussion about local issues.

Mike Allsop asked if changes would be made based on the feedback that had been received.

Bruce Duff asked if the survey would be sent again to which the response was no.

Eugene Bacot suggested that the Chairman should propose a motion to urge the council to revert to the Strawberry Hill Village boundary as defined by SHRA. This was proposed by Sally Barringer, seconded by Terrie Petrie and agreed unanimously.

#### **Any other business**

Cllr Head invited residents to the Radnor Gardens family fun day on Saturday 15 June. She also mentioned the planning application submitted by Sainsbury for Twickenham Green and said that the changes they had agreed to make to pictures could be viewed at 7pm on Thursday this week

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm