



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Hockley Residents Association Meeting Held on Tuesday the 14/05/13 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House Chaired by Vice Chair Alan James – AJ

The meeting was attended by 8 members / visitors. From AJ's memory and a few notes the residents meeting ran as follows:

1. Meeting Attendance

Brian O'Shea suggested we should invite guest speakers again to our meetings. It could be someone from RDC on the HAAP, a photo slide show or a police presentation. We decided to think about whom to approach. Brian Guyett suggested the new ECC councilor Michael Hoy. John Glover suggested that if we have a high profile guest speaker we should do a leaflet drop to let people know about it. It may be possible if we had a high profile speaker that tickets could be sold with money being donated to a charity. We spoke about the coach trip attendance and that most of these residents do not attend our meetings. Brian stated that not all of his coach trip travelers are regulars as he had 20 new people join one of his recent trips. Brian also stated that he doesn't promote the HRA at these events as they are just social outings. It was suggested that membership forms could be given out at events etc and could also be included as part of a Hockley Living article.

2. HAAP

The hearing for the HAAP will start on 3 September 2013 in Rayleigh and there will be a pre-hearing meeting on 19 June 2013. People will not be able to speak unless a request to speak has been made but residents can attend the September hearing just to listen. As Brian Guyett has requested to speak on behalf of the HRA, the HRA can be represented. We decided that we should investigate having legal representation and John Glover will try to obtain some costings for the next meeting. We have been informed by RDC that they had 849 responses of which 839 objected and we believe that the campaign we ran before the 25 January 2013 deadline accounted for most of these. We spoke about the Mary Portas appointment by the government to lead a review into the future of Britain's high streets. Brian Guyett suggested that if we were to write to her and invite her to attend one of our meetings she or someone working for her may be able to help us. John Glover said he would have a look on the internet for her site. It was suggested that the HRA are not necessarily representing what the majority of residents want. It was pointed out that 839 objected to the plan. AJ stated that we know what residents want from the Hockley Parish Plan that RDC seem to have ignored. Brian Guyett suggested the HRA should write to Mark François informing him of the final figures for the HAAP response. We should let him know that this is a reflection of the resident's opinions of the HAAP and it will take at least 15 to 20 years during which the Tory party will remain highly unpopular in Hockley and we suggest for their own benefit they reconsider. AJ will write before our next meeting.

3. ECC Election Results

We had a general discussion about the election results and the increase in the Green party and Ukip votes.

4. Alzheimer's Society

Brian Guyett had received a letter of thanks from Jean Barnard for the £50 we donated to the Alzheimer's Society on behalf of Stan Barnard who died in December 2012 and was a long time member of the HRA. Jean informed us in her letter that this was part of nearly £1,000 donated in memory of Stan.

5. Chair Replacement

AJ informed the meeting that he has put in the June Hockley Living an item about the HRA seeking a chair replacement and this item can already be seen on the Hockley Living Facebook page. John Worden said should we be approaching people that have the abilities to take on the roll but no one was able to suggest anyone.

6. Police Meeting

The next Hockley Police Meeting will be held on Friday 24 May 2013 at 19.00 hrs in Hockley Library.

7. Sainsbury's Local

No one knew when the railings adjacent to the zigzag lines outside Sainsbury's will be done and if anything will be done about the delivery situation. We agreed to ask about this at the next police meeting on Friday 24 May 2013.

8. Planning

We spoke about the rejected 3 story block of 8 flats in Main Road near the Library the rejected 3 story block of 8 flats proposed for the corner of Aldermans Hill and Folly Lane. As Tim Gleadall was absent due to a council meeting no one knew if they have now gone to appeal.

9. Next Meeting

The next Hockley Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House. AJ will not be able to make the 9 July meeting but Brian O'Shea said he would chair it.

AJ closed the meeting.

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