

TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 22 May 2017 DRAFT

1. PRESENT

Jan Jackson, Francine Palant, Martin Dobson, Cllr Laura Robertson Collins, Angela Lansley, Cllr Lawrence Brown, Cllr James Roberts, Cllr Hetty Wood, Brenda Henley.

APOLOGIES John Garrett, PC Emma Pearson.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

In her absence, PC Pearson had sent a report which was read to the meeting. The report covered 22 March to date.

a) **Crime Report.** Burglaries 3 – Cumberland, Ullet and Hartington; all at student properties. Vehicles stolen 2 – both motorcycles from Rutland and Lancaster; Lancaster cycle was recovered. Vehicles broken into 3 – Cumberland, Hartington and Lancaster.

Criminal damage 3 – two were damage to vehicle windscreens in Sydenham and Smithdown; the other a damaged wing-mirror in Arundel.

b) **Other News.** PCSO's have been active in the area delivering letters as part of "Operation Door Handle". This targets areas subject to burglaries with information and reminders about security. A Community Bike-marking Event is to be held at Otterspool Prom on sat 12 August.

c) **Congratulations** were made to Merseyside Police for their recent handling of a search for a young person from the TANN area with learning difficulties who went missing. Martin Dobson said the search was rapid and excellent and wished this to be recorded.

d) **Crime Reporting Reminder.** Cllr Brown reminded us to report all incidents to the police. Even if an incident seems trivial, and not worth reporting, it allows officers to build up a useful picture of criminal activities, and it can attract better funding for police work.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting 20 March 2017 were agreed, proposed B Henley, seconded J Roberts.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) **Greenbank Drive Synagogue Development.** There is nothing further to report. A revised planning application has been submitted and a council officers' report is awaited.

5. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.

6. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN

J Jackson reported:

a) **NGS reminder.** The National Garden Scheme open day is 16 July.

b) **Smithdown Festival Weekend.** The garden was very busy with lots of visitors.

c) **Tree Bees.** Some interloping Tree Bees have been evicted from one of our hives.

d) **Jo Cox Big Lunch.** This is the garden's next event, on 17th June. Jan requested help. A volunteer was recruited and loan of a Gazebo accepted. Jan handed out some posters for window display, and volunteers agreed to do a leaflet drop in their streets.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Lawrence Brown reported:

a) **Planning Applications.** Two applications are a cause for concern: one to extend 47 Arundel to create an HMO, and one to build a single storey extension to 5 Gresford. Both, if granted, will add to the already considerable density of population in this area. TANN residents should register objections.

b) **Grow Your Own event.** This was held successfully in the "Dales" recently. Cllr Brown suggested TANN might host a similar event.

c) **Buddleia.** Much unwelcome growth of Buddleia shrubs to walls and buildings can be seen about the area. We are reminded that these cause severe damage. Cllr Brown recommends we be vigilant regarding our own premises and not allow these destructive plant to take root.

d) **Mossley Hill Hospital.** A new 106 bed mental health hospital is to be built to replace the present hospital. This is a good investment and welcome facility for south Liverpool.

Cllr James Roberts reported:

a) **Bus Services.** Due to cuts in government funding, Mersey Travel has reduced services. In our area, buses nos. 173 and C4 have been discontinued, and C5 reduced to mornings only. A new circular route, no. 4, has been introduced to serve Mossley Hill Hospital, the high-rise towers round Sefton Park, Dingle and Liverpool One.

c) **Flats 21/23 Arundel.** Retrospective planning permission has been applied for to keep the windows installed on this new-build block.

Cllr Laura Robertson Collins reported:

a) **HMO Strategy.** The city council has published an HMO Strategy Document. It proposes far more involvement of the council in HMO creation. In recent years the proliferation of such housing in our area has had many undesirable effects; regulation of HMO's can only be better for our area and will improve standards and safety for HMO tenants.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Angela Lansley requested help with managing the website, which she is doing single-handed at present. Martin Dobson agreed. Martin also volunteered to deliver Cheltenham Ave's newsletters.

b) TANN's 20th birthday has led our secretary to examine TANN archives, and gaps have been found! If any TANN hoarders have minutes or newsletters or any other TANN paperwork lurking in a dark corner Brenda Henley would be very grateful to have them; take to 8 Buckingham or text or call 07773 426 684 and she will collect.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 July 2017

7:30pm Ullet Road Unitarian Church Library