

TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 20 November 2017 DRAFT

1. PRESENT

Francine Palant, Martin Dobson, Joe Prendergast, Cllr James Roberts, Katie Lucas, Angela Lansley, Cllr Lawrence Brown, Brenda Henley, Jan Jackson, Steve McKay, Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins, PC Sergeant Andy Doyle.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Hetty Wood, Sophie Kryzcheska.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Sergeant Andy Doyle gave the report, covering period 1 September 2017 to date.

a) Crime report.

- i. Burglaries - 6, one each in Hartington, Gresford, Hawarden Avenues, and two in Ullet Road.
- ii. Theft from motor vehicles – 2, one of number plates and one of shoes taken from a car boot.

b) Questions and issues.

i. Speed Indicator Device (SID).

Cllr Robertson Collins asked that the SID, purchased recently with funds from the councillors' Ward Fund, be deployed more; it is not always in use and should be.

ii. Parking.

Yellow-line parking is an issue for traffic wardens, not police officers, whereas cars parked wholly on the pavement are a police issue. The half-and-half parking commonly used in the Avenues, though not legal, is tolerated to facilitate passage of emergency vehicles and refuse collections.

iii. Sefton Park speed limit.

The council has employed methods to reduce the speed of vehicles using the park i.e. speed bumps, bollards, kerb adjustments, curves in the road, well-marked and well-lit pedestrian crossings. It's the job of the police to monitor the 20mph speed limit which is done using speed guns.

iv. Policing in student neighbourhoods.

Within the Dales area, where there is a concentration of student accommodation, the universities have funded two officers who focus on the area.

v. PCSOs.

We currently have good PCSOs attached to our area, but a lack of funding means they won't be replaced if they leave.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting 18 September 2017 were agreed, proposed B Henley, seconded Jan Jackson.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The planning application for 47 Arundel Avenue (Sep 2017 mins item 7a) has been rejected, but the applicant is intending to appeal the decision.

5. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Wear and tear caused by events in Sefton Park.

6. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN

J Jackson reported:

a) **Closure.** Sunday 26 November is last day open until Sunday 4 February 2018.

b) **Finance.** Though the councillors' Ward Fund has been generous with contributions, and the Quaker Organisation has spent substantial monies on work including tree care, and pointing walls, the garden needs to have funds raised. Since it opened, the level of visitors, as well as the garden work-team, has

seen a gradual decline. We need to raise the QBG profile in the area. Some things were suggested: approaching the Tesco Carrier-bag Fund, selling honey from our bees, and selling vegetables. Katie Lucas suggested Naked Lunch community café might be approached.

c) **Raising the QBG profile.** It had already been agreed in September that an issue of the Newsletter be devoted entirely to QBG information , history and news – this should be planned at the March meeting.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Laura Robertson Collins reported:

a) **The Student return.** Laura and James have been out visiting students in the area giving general advice and information..

b) **The Ward Fund.** There's some money left in the fund which can be requested, but it needs to be for a particular project, not just for cash.

c) **Litfest** was a brilliant and successful event.

Cllr Lawrence Brown reported:

a) **Planning Applications.**

i. To build new block of flats on 13/15 Arundel Avenue.

ii. To install new windows on 44 Arundel Avenue.

iii. To convert garage behind 36 Rutland Ave to office space.

b) **Recycling and Cycling event.** Though this was well organised, the event was not well attended.

c) **Cleaning and maintenance.** Leaf clearing in the area has been done; some back alleyways have been cleared, including the one between Buckingham and Cheltenham Avenues, and potholes in Brompton Avenue have been reported for repair.

Cllr James Roberts reported:

a) **Cleaning and maintenance.**

Potholes in Brompton and Buckingham Avenues have been repaired; 400 tons of leaves were removed from the streets, and park maintenance is coming back in-house, and consequent improvements in service are anticipated. The highways service is also destined to be taken back in-house.

b) **Firework Display.**

The River of Light waterfront fireworks went well this year. Jan Jackson observed that there seemed to be more back garden fireworks in the area now that there's no Sefton Park display. Katie Lucas suggested we might have a firework display in the QBG.

8. AOB

a) **Wear and tear in Sefton Park.**

The September Food Festival, held in the park, had left the grass site very badly churned up. It was felt that profit making enterprises using the park should pay sufficient rent to meet the cost of any restoration work required after their departure. Cllr Robertson Collins said that hirers do have to pay for damage caused, however SK Events, who put on the food festivals, have not paid their bills and still owe money for damage caused at their spring and autumn events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 March 2018

7:30pm Ullet Road Unitarian Church Library

Other 2018 meetings, all Mondays. 21 May, 16 July, 17 September, 19 November.