

TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 19 March 2018

1. PRESENT

Francine Palant, John Rushton, Cllr James Roberts, Angela Lansley, Cllr Lawrence Brown, Brenda Henley, Jan Jackson, Jane Weeks, Steve McKay, Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins.

APOLOGIES

Martin Dobson, Joe Prendergast.

Since Martin Dobson had sent apologies, Steve McKay volunteered to chair the meeting.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

There was no police officer present so there was no report. B Henley agreed to contact the police to ask that they get to our meetings in future.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting 19 November 2017 were agreed, proposed S McKay, seconded B Henley.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Derelict property at 20 Brompton
- b) Planning application 22 Cheltenham
- c) Parking

6. FINANCE UPDATE

a) B Henley reported a balance of £1578.96 at the bank. This includes last year's (16/17) £500 grant from the Ward Fund which, due to an accounting oversight, was paid to us late.

b) The change of address for statements has been completed at the bank and copies of missing bank statements ordered. We now need to remove two old signatories and add two fresh ones. Dave Cummings and Jan Pell will be removed.

Steve McKay and Francine Palant volunteered to become the replacement signatories. This was agreed unanimously. B Henley will get the appropriate forms from NatWest.

c) The accounts records don't give a clear indication of which money in the bank is TANNs and which is QBGs, so B Henley will study receipts and bank statements to form a clearer picture.

d) After discussion it was decided that the QBG would very much like a grant for this year (17/18) as well if possible; our three councillors present said it would be possible and would arrange this.

7. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN

J Jackson reported:

a) The garden has been quiet due to its winter closure period and the recent poor weather, but more recently there have been a few visitors. Our bees have survived the winter, both hives have awakened.

b) **The Hugelerkulture** method of growing plants on mounds has been introduced. We have one mound under construction.

c) **A willow wind-break** has been constructed round the shelter.

d) **The vandalized shed doors** were replaced, and then damaged again within a day.

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr James Roberts reported:

a) **The Liverpool Budget.** The council has passed a budget. Council tax is to be raised 5.99%, the maximum allowable. Agreeing and managing the budget has been extremely difficult, by 2019 the city will have lost 60% of its government grant.

b) **Events.** There's a Reading Day at Penny Lane Trust on 4 April for children. On 31 March there is an RSPB event in Greenbank Park, and a new blue plaque has been put up in Bold Street above 'News from Nowhere' bookshop for Jeannie Mole trades union organizer.

Cllr Lawrence Brown reported:

a) **Planning.** Lathbury House is likely to be demolished and Croxteth Lodge may become a nursery.

b) **Cleaning and maintenance.** A litter-picking day was held and 7 bags of rubbish were collected. The Community Payback Scheme arranged workers to paint out graffiti on Arundel Avenue.

Street lights in Arundel Avenue have been replaced.

The green mesh has been removed from the railings of St Agnes' Field

Ivy has been cleared from the wall outside Park View Court.

Cllr Laura Robertson Collins reported:

a) **Local Plan.** The Local Plan has been agreed, some of its provisions are to foster building of housing on brownfield sites, and to increase restrictions on HMOs.

b) **Cleaning and maintenance.** Some skips have been out in the area recently, and there will be one in Fern Grove next week.

9. AOB

a) **20 Brompton Avenue Dereliction.** This property has been derelict for a long time and has been subject to break-ins and dumping of rubbish in the front garden. Councillors will check who own this and contact them to secure the property and get it cleared up.

b) **Planning Application 22 Cheltenham.** The application is to refurbish, turning it from two-flats into four. Objections to the application may still be made up to 23 March. This was discussed and the overwhelming opinion at the meeting was against conversion to four flats. The points against were, there are already too many bedsits in the area; increasing the number of dwellings increases the demand on parking which is already under pressure; there will be a dozen wheelie bins to be accommodated on the one property, and the character of the area is gradually being undermined by the conversion of family homes into flats. Steve McKay will register an objection on the behalf of TANN.

c) **Parking.** There have been issues with unsafe parking on the corners of Gresford and Halkyn avenues. This has been dealt with by the issuing of parking tickets.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 May 2018

7:30pm Ullet Road Unitarian Church Library

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