

TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 21 May 2018

1. PRESENT

Francine Palant, Joe Prendergast, Cllr James Roberts, Angela Lansley, Cllr Lawrence Brown, Brenda Henley, Jan Jackson, Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins, Constable Phil Anslow, Constable Rebecca Hogdson.

APOLOGIES

Martin Dobson, Steve McKay.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

PC Anslow gave the report.

a) **Burglaries.** From January to date there have been 13 burglaries. For a five month period this is more than usual, consequently Operation Castle has increased the presence of uniformed and plain-clothed patrols in the area. We've been urged to make sure front doors are properly closed and secured.

b) **Vehicle crime.** There have been 14 thefts from, and of, motor vehicles in the same period - also higher than usual.

c) In the slightly wider area there have been three robberies on Smithdown Road, two at restaurants and one at a newsagents.

d) A resident at the meeting reported that cars parked in Brompton Court had been damaged. PC Anslow said there had been no report to the police of this.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting 19 March 2018 were agreed, proposed F Palant, seconded J Jackson.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Item 9b mins of 19/03/18, **Planning application 22 Cheltenham Ave.** Steve McKay has sent an objection on TANN's behalf.

5. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) 49a Arundel Avenue

b) Website

6. FINANCE UPDATE

B Henley reported a balance of £1807.37 at Natwest on 24th April, with no unrepresented cheques outstanding. F Palant said she'd deposited £10 into the account from donations received at the Smithdown Festival event held in the QBG.

7. QUAKER BURIAL GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN

J Jackson reported:

a) A new picnic table has been installed.

b) A member of the Quaker congregation who visited to inter ashes, wrote to us later to say how lovely she thought the garden.

c) The garden was open on Smithdown Festival weekend and there were some visitors, but not a huge number since the main Festival event was in the Mystery.

8. CROXTETH LODGE AND LATHBURY HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

a) Planning permission has been requested to convert Croxteth Lodge into a Day Nursery for up to 100 children. Lathbury will be demolished and a block of 35 apartments built. The principal view of the meeting was positive in that development of the site was welcomed but that the increase in traffic this will create close to an already very busy junction is a serious cause for concern.

b) John Garrett, a TANN resident has written to Planning to raise concerns about traffic, and other issues relating to the development. It was agreed that B Henley should send a similar letter of concern to Planning on behalf of TANN.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Laura Robertson Collins reported:

a) **Tenanted Property.** There is a new campaign aimed at landlords of student properties to make them aware of their responsibility towards cleaning up when students leave at the end of the academic year. Every student landlord will receive a letter detailing their responsibilities and giving suggestions and reminders about dealing with rubbish and minimising waste

b) **Smithdown Festival.** This moved into the Mystery this year and was a tremendous success: a good atmosphere, lots of families and children attended, good litter management and fewer stray drinkers on Smithdown Road. Congratulations to the organisers.

Cllr James Roberts reported:

a) **3G Pitch.** Near to TANN area there is a new 3g artificial pitch at Tiber Square.

b) **Bin Numbers.** Many wheelie bins in the Dales area have been numbered, the Ward Fund has paid for this and councillors have distributed the numbers, this may be extended to include Rossett, Gresford and Hawarden Avenues.

Cllr Lawrence Brown reported:

a) **Planning Matters.** i) the developer for the Lathbury House new apartments is Robert Taylor.

ii) there is an application to create 9 apartments in refurbishment of 28 Brompton.

iii) after retrospective planning permission for non-conservation compliant windows at 30 Buckingham Ave was not granted, the property has had appropriate sash windows fitted.

iv) There's an application to install new windows in 62 Arundel Ave.

b) **Smithdown Festival.** Cllr Brown visited the Mystery site on both days and thought it was excellent. Although there was considerable wear-and-tear to the grass at the entrance it had been a well organised and well managed on the site. On Smithdown Road in the evenings there was still disarray on both sides of the street with many revellers out on the pavements, and the carrying of bottles between venues.

c) **Urban Up** is hoping to create a green corridor between parks by 'greening-up' Croxteth Gate.

10. AOB

a) **49a Arundel Avenue.** There is a planning application to convert an existing barn/workshop building behind 49a into a five person HMO.

i) this is a Victorian building and TANN felt concerned that conservation area rules and requirements would need to be observed during any conversion.

ii) concerns were also expressed about adequate provision for storage of wheelie bins, whether there would be an impact on parking in Arundel.

b) **Website.** Our website operator and users think it's time for a re-think. The site is clunky and dated. B Henley agreed to contact Kenyons our website hosting people and discover who might assist us with this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 September 2018

7:30pm Ullet Road Unitarian Church Library

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