Britannia Square Residents’ Association

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2018

At 8:00 pm at 4 Stephenson Terrace (Carol Inman)

1. Attendance

Present: Apologies:

Carol Inman (Chair) Clive Collings

Robin Dallaway

John Ball

David Greenhill

Ian Terry

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Carol Inman continues to chase the University to take action on the overgrown trees and hedge plants adjacent to Stephenson Road. **Action Carol Inman**

We will approach Laura Brown at the next opportunity about the various ongoing boundary issues at RGS Springfield.

John Ball advised that a suitable gazebo can be obtained for £120. We agreed to split this cost between the BSRA’s funds and those of the Wine Club. **Action John Ball**

For other matters arising please see the relevant agenda items.

1. Review of Recent Events

**3.1. AGM 2018:**

There was a reasonable attendance at the AGM with good support from the Council. There was considerable and at times a heated discussion about the recently approved planning application for 36a Britannia Square which includes broaching the front boundary wall to allow parking in the front garden. This entails the proposed deletion of a stretch amounting to four residents’ parking bays. There was universal disapproval of this and Dr Paul Collins, the Planning Officer, who was present, was questioned and challenged robustly by several residents. We understand that this change requires a public consultation by the Highways Department. We look forward to this with great interest.

1. Future Events:

**4.1. Carols Sun 16 Dec 2018:**

All had been arranged but our pianist, Lucas Ball has had to pull out. We felt that a pianist is essential to the format of the event and discussed various approaches to finding a replacement and some less satisfactory back-up plans. We will all check with our contacts. **Action All**

1. Committee Reports

**Planning:**

36a Britannia Square: See 3.1. AGM

**Highways and Lighting:**

Kate Tait having left the Committee, Carol Inman has taken on this role. Nothing new to report.

**Neighbourhood Watch:**

Nothing new to report. Carol will organise a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in early 2019. **Action Carol Inman**

**Wine Club:**

The bar at the AGM covered its costs. An event will be arranged for Spring 2019. **Action John Ball**

**Membership:**

Of the 120 households, we have 53 paid-up members.

**Finance and fund-raising:**

Our bank balance is £1,772.23. This is more than adequate to cover our planned expenditure on historical photograph license fees and a gazebo.

**Newsletters:**

The Autumn Newsletter was issued in good time for the AGM.

**Website:**

Robin Dallaway continues to prepare photographs for publication. **Action Robin Dallaway**

Ian Terry will collate and document photographs from residents and forward to Robin. **Action Ian Terry**

Negotiations continue to agree a selection of photos and a price from the Harry Sargeant photo archive to use on our website. Robin has indicated a cost in the range of £250 - £500 for the licenses and has been authorised to proceed on this basis. Robin has provided a proposed list of acquisitions for David Greenhill’s consideration.

**Action Robin Dallaway & David Greenhill**

John Ball has access to the original bill of sale and ongoing deeds for the plot adjacent to 50 Britannia Square and will attempt to borrow them for reproduction on the website. **Action John Ball**

1. Any other business

David Greenhill has asked the Council if we can be added to the scope of their planned preventative measures against seagulls. This has been agreed. Actions are anticipated in March / April 2019. David to monitor.

**Action David Greenhill**

We need to find one or two more Committee Members. **Action All**

1. Dates of future meetings & Events

Sun 16 Dec 2018 – Christmas Carols, RGS Springfield

Tue 5 Feb 2019 – Committee Meeting, 7 Albany Terrace

Tue 16 Apr 2019 – Committee Meeting, venue t.b.a.

Sun 12 / Mon 13 May 2019 – Street Clean

Sun 23 Jun 2019 - Summer Party, Springfield

Tue 17 Sep 2019 – Committee Meeting, venue t.b.a.

Fri 15 November – AGM, URC, Albany Terrace

Tue 19 November – Committee Meeting, venue t.b.a.