

KSARA Committee meeting 13th August 2019

Present: Tony Barcroft, Chris Boultonwood, Heidi Hackett, Chris Jones, Deborah Lindsay, Ann Shobbrook, Michelle Smith

Thanks to Deborah for hosting as Storyhouse was unavailable.

Street Party feedback

Generally felt to have been a good event and is already a fixture in people's calendar.

Good turnout, 32 people and some were away who would have come. There is a feeling that we still need to attract others, of the potential 85 houses this represents approx. 20%

There was nothing joining everyone together and people stayed in their groups, though the raffle was good.

Tidying up was left to a few, though a core group continued socialising. Maybe formalise clear up.

Great venue.

Key points:

- Communicate date early, in time for the AGM (and reserve date)
- Food idea excellent 'bring what you want to eat' worked well
- Decorations good, bunting and balloons, buy white sheets for tables
- Hire 4 tables next year
- Have separate waste containers
- End time of 5pm to be clear up time, people can stay beyond that
- Plan in longer set up time

All points to have been agreed by October meeting, particularly dates.

Bonfire Night idea

Discussions around the feasibility of this. Fireworks already great at Racecourse, maybe organise a group visit to an organised event. To be re-visited next year.

Noticeboard

Chris J has been investigating and had pictures of boards in different areas of Chester.

Each councillor has a budget of around £5000 to distribute to initiatives in their area. We could put in a bid for money towards the noticeboard. A noticeboard like the one from St Paul's Church was agreed to fit the bill, coming in at £441. CJ to put in a bid.

Discussions around siting of the board ruled out the bottom of the stairs at Fireman's cottages and the alley is possible, but would have to be on someone's house, Fireman's cottages alley or the side of the Pied Bull also considered. AS to talk to Pied Bull, CL to talk to Jason at Chez Jules.

KSARA card

Concern that they are not used enough. Retailers like them. Proposal to make something for them to put in their window 'KSARA card welcome'.

Time to renew them anyway as it is instead of the membership, but same price. DL maintaining list.

Water Tower Street opening up.

AS contacted Karl Farrow from Highways and thinks this is a red herring, nothing planned.

Christmas Carol Concert

12th December pencilled in. DL suggested Catholic High have a Jazz orchestra, she will contact them in September. We are keen to keep it local and manageable this year, need some music, and some people to lead the singing (preferably for free). AS to ask the gang show people HH to contact her choir friends long shot. It could be a pay to sing along with mince pies and mulled wine.

September meeting to decide on viability.

CRAG

DL reported back on her experiences so far and shared email exchange she has had with Mike Hogg around the purpose of CRAG. It was felt that this risked becoming a political animal, which we wanted to avoid. There was concern that CRAG could become the voice of Chester residents, which we felt was really the job of elected councillors. DL asked how do we want to progress?

We agree with the 5 points and that CRAG focusses on them, asking the council what is happening in these areas and amplifying a concern (e.g homelessness) when it is shared by other RAs.

CRAG AGM is on 26th September 7pm and we agreed to send representatives to see how it develops. TB, CJ and HH probably.

AGM

19th November, possibly at the City Club, CJ to check availability as Storyhouse was not.

AOB

Student housing on Booking.com

CJ reported that they are allowed to start marketing it whilst planning permission is being sought. Whilst we understand student accommodation is routinely booked for groups through universities, this is a commercial venture and feels different as there is less control over it.

Powys Court double glazing in UPVC is also allowed as they are not covered by the same article 4 that other modern houses in the conservation area are. Apparently we were notified, no-one remembers being.

Sam Dixon is now on the Planning Board after wards have been split up differently. Suggested CJ contact her to enquire on both issues.

Quiz night? Last one a success, did we want to do another one before Christmas? Feeling we could be overstretching ourselves, but Ann has questions ready. We could combine the Forum with quiz. We have to have the forum as we agreed to share information at regular intervals, but our purpose is to increase the social aspect of the area so the quiz fits in well there too. Half an hour Forum update, raffle, quiz.

HGV signage up but seems in wrong place - AS/TB to discuss with Karl Farrow.

Agenda for next meeting now confirmed 17th September

KSARA card communications

Christmas carols evening

AGM venue

Quiz/Forum

Responsibilities for future meetings (last Tuesday of the month)

Date	Chair	Secretary
March	Ann S	Chris J
April	Chris J	Michelle
May	Michelle	Chris B
June	Chris B	Tony
July	Tony	Heidi
August	Heidi	Deborah
September	Deborah	Ann S
October	Ann S	Chris J
November	Chris J	Michelle
December	Michelle	Chris B