

Minutes from KSARA Committee Meeting 10th January

Attendees: CB, HH, KN, SA, TB, TM, apologies DL.

1. Minutes from December Meeting

Approved.

2. Christmas carol feedback

Feedback from the event has been extremely positive, and committee agreed that Jade did a fantastic job, and expressed their sincere thanks.

It was suggested that whilst it was a nice idea for people to bring their own mug (recognising this was also a covid-related measure), it was noticed that all the disposable cups were needed and therefore we should ensure a plentiful supply next year.

The backing music for the carols didn't work so well, and so it was agreed that we would look at options for live musical accompaniment this year, or failing that backing tracks specifically for singing along to.

It was noted that the cost of mince pies and mulled wine was met by Tony M and Sally, as a donation to KSARA. The committee thanked Tony and Sally for that.

Action: TM to send through details of the costs of wine and mince pies through to Heidi

3. Actions not on Agenda

Contact Ksara email sign-on issues – CB has resolved by removing 2FA requirement.

Accounts – follow-up action from AGM to review presentation of accounts – will be reviewed prior to publishing this year's accounts.

AGM minutes had been drafted and issued for feedback.

Action: all to review and respond to CB by close of business Jan 11.

Action: Add apologies from Sally Dwyer.

4. AGM Venue and Date

Alternative venues to be considered, and date to be confirmed - carried forward

5. Facebook Launch

Invitation email to be tweaked and issued for review this week by SA, with Chris to send out to the entire list in one go.

Action – SB to issue updated draft email for review

Action – CB to send once agreed.

6. KSARA Card

The group had a preference for a push offer (via facebook) from the retailers rather than a card with pre-agreed offers. To be discussed further at the next meeting following the facebook launch.

7. CRAG Update

TB updated the group on the sustainable transport strategy. He updated the group on the idea around a car-free Sunday, which is being assessed by the council.

Action: TB/CB to issue email/facebook post to KSARA residents asking for feedback on the concept.

8. Highways

TB installed a prototype sign for King Charles Court and will send a photo to the Karl Farrow (Council Highways officer) for information.

Parking

Andrew Arditti has pointed us in the direction of the Ken Prior at the council to begin the negotiation on discounted resident's car-parking in Northgate development. The group noted that this could potentially help alleviate pressure on available parking spaces (noting the convoluted process involved in obtaining passes) and also potentially generate additional council revenue through increased overnight (ie off-peak) usage.

Action: TB to make contact with Ken to begin discussions.

9. Planning

Nothing new to report from the planning portal.

10. AOB

KN raised the topic of planning events for new year.

Based on the success of both the VE party and the Christmas carols, the group agreed we would ask Jade if she would help lead the preparation of the Queen's Jubilee celebration.

Quiz nite – to be raised at next meeting based on an assessment of the latest situation with the covid-19 pandemic.

11. Next meeting

February 2nd , 7pm. Tony McD's house.