

KSARA Meeting

22 September 2022

Attendees: Sue, Krista, Chris, Deborah, Tony B, Tony M.

Apologies: Heidi

1. Actions from previous meetings (not on agenda)

13. Northgate Greenery - Correspondence from residents noted. No further update. **Action:** TB to follow-up on process for alerts on planning consent changes.

14. Firemen's Cottages shrubbery - positive feedback from residents for the work that Tony B (thanks Tony!) did to cut back the overhanging branches on the Firemen's Cottage walkway.

2. AGM

Proposed date agreed to be 29th November.

Preferred venue is the Garrett Bar in StoryHouse, willing to vary date if that makes it possible.

Action Deborah to follow up with Jade Palmer. St Peter's Church, is the back-up venue.

Agenda items as per standard (**Action** Chris to draft). To include a teaser on the History event (led by Chris), which in turn will include a vignette by Tony B on the history of his house - **Action** Tony B).

Agreed that Sam Dixon be invited to give an overview of future considerations for listed properties in Chester given the net-zero policy and environmental concerns. Sam also to be asked whether she could invite someone from planning/conservation to provide a brief overview of what can or cannot be done with buildings in a conservation area (and listed buildings in particular), and the processes involved.

Action: Deborah to liaise with Sam to see whether she (and a colleague) would be available.

Alternative possible talk from Student Liaison.

Achievements document needs to be compiled (**Action** Tony B to draft).

3. Pocket Park

Pocket Park recognised as challenging given the likelihood that permission is unlikely to be granted to if it meant closing a thoroughfare. Initiative to be put on hold for the foreseeable future.

4. Planning and Licensing

Redevelopment of Number 7 King street into a number of flats. KSARA objection submitted. A number of other objections were made.

The committee noted a significant improvement in relation to the impact of the Red Lion on the community. **Action:** Tony M to communicate this to the Red Lion manager at the next opportunity.

5. Highways and Parking

It was noted that a follow-up email had been sent by Tony B to Highways regarding the Canal St / Northgate intersection, highlighting again the danger inherent in its current configuration and requesting action.

An Extension of Traffic Regulation Orders proposal has been issued for consultation, which will further restrict vehicular access to city centre roads. No objection to be raised by KSARA.

It was also noted that CWaC Council is seeking to obtain civil enforcement powers from central government for moving traffic contraventions. These are proposed to include APNR enforcement of the no-right turn restriction from Crane Street into Northgate.

6. Anti-social Behaviour

A number of incidents of noise in the early hours, coinciding with Freshers Week. The Anti-social behaviour WhatsApp group to be advertised at the AGM (**Action** Chris)

7. Broadband

Investigation of EE 5G solution carried forward (**Action** Chris)

8. Rubbish

The committee discussed a particular issue that had been raised by a resident. It was noted that guidance had been provided to the resident on how best to respond.

9. Future Events

Provisional date of 22 December for the Christmas Carols event, with the venue proposed to be Canning St as per two years ago.

10. New residents

New residents have moved into 4, 8 and 10 King Street. Welcome pack to be provided (**Action** Chris to provide welcome pack).

Action Chris to circulate list of residents to give committee members an opportunity to check for any errors/omissions.

Action Tony to update Neighbourhood watch list

11. CRAG

No update - meeting was cancelled

12. KSARA Card

No update this month

13. Facebook Group

Continues to grow steadily, good examples of posts which benefit the the community to be shared at the AGM (**Action** Sue)

14. AOB

Noted that the Neighbourhood Watch emails will continue to be sent separately from the KSARA distribution list. It was noted that this enabled residents to select to receive KSARA emails or Neighbourhood Watch emails, or neither, or both.

Relevant posts to be added to the KSARA Facebook page.

15. Date of Next Meetings

17th October: Deborah's house 14 King Street, Tony M Chair, Chris Minutes

7th November: Sue's house 4 King Charles Court, Chris Chair, minutes TBC.