

KSARA committee meeting: December 6th, 2022

Attendees: Deborah L, Sue H, Tony B, Chris B, Tony M.

Apologies: Heidi

AGM feedback

Positive response, venue was excellent (AV in particular), speakers and content seemed to work well (achievement review, history teaser, handling questions from the floor) and general reaction from residents was very positive.

TB had sent the note of thanks on behalf of KSARA to Sam Dixon.

“BinGate”

Getting hold of recycling containers via the new system seems to be working (residents' feedback at AGM positive)

Planning & Licensing

Nothing new to report on planning (watching brief on #7 King Street) and licensing.

Taxi rank markings on the East side of Northgate Street (beyond King Street junction) have appeared and are in use. No reported increase in taxi traffic up King Street or Water Tower Street has been reported by residents (keep under review)

Highways

Council decision still not forthcoming following the consultation on vehicular access to city centre via Northgate Street. TB to chase up with highways.

Pothole on Water Tower Street has been reported (**note this was repaired December 23rd**)

Social Events – Christmas carols

Agreed start would be 7pm with 6 carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

Various admin tasks were agreed:

- DL – source mulled wine/insulated cups/mince pies
- TB/TMcD – electrics/sound/gazebo/lights/trestle table
- TB – printing invites (Deva Print)
- SH – Lyrics sheets, music playlist (forward to TMcD)

CRAG

Nothing to report (DL) requiring our attention

Facebook

Nothing new to report (SH) but membership and participation still growing, albeit slowly.

AOB

SH reported on 3rd age lecture on energy conservation (amongst other topics) with respect to old buildings. Agreed we still need to get clarity on local interpretation of the rules regarding structural changes to listed buildings to improve energy conservation; that could be circulated to residents. Sam Dixon in her new role as MP, is key to delivering this.

CB – access passwords will be changed as part of our on-going IT risk reduction measures.

Venue for KSARA meetings – it was agreed that it was appropriate to look for a “home” for these meetings. DL thought we might be able to get the Storyhouse room and TMcD suggested Pied Bull and would try and explore prior to the next scheduled meeting on Jan 11th (TB chair, Heidi note taking).

Roles and responsibilities – we agreed that with an influx of new committee members, that next meeting would be a good opportunity to discuss goals, roles and responsibilities for 2023.