

KSARA MINUTES OF MEETING 6th JUNE 2023

Attendees: SH (Chair), CW (Minutes), CB, TB, TM, CB, SH

Apologies: HH, MC

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24th of May 2023 were accepted.

2. Matters arising

- Strategic Review of funding action to be taken to next meeting
- Residents Welcome Cards delivered to residents by DL

3. Strategic item -Street Party on the 29th July 2023 (time tbc)

Venue

Back of King Street / Canning Street.

Catering

TB said that publicity for the party should state that those attending bring their own food.

A discussion took place over provision of alcohol for the party. TM said he would discuss the possibility of providing a licenced 'Off-Site Bar' If this was not possible the committee would determine what alcoholic drinks should be provided.

TB suggested that it maybe be possible for the committee to ask people to make donation in exchange for alcoholic drinks to a avoid licencing restrictions. How this is to be done will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

TB was asked by DL to draw up an inventory of alcohol, wine, beer soft drinks etc... remaining from previous social events.

There was a discussion about the provision of tables, chairs, paper tablecloths, serviettes, glasses and rubbish bins.

Action:

TM to contact Weetwood Ales to see if it is possible to run an 'off site bar' and report back.

TB to supply an inventory of drinks held by the committee.

TB to contact Corkscrew to hire 3 tables at the cost of £100.

TM said he would see if it was possible to find tables to use for the party without payment.

TB to check with the Chester Recycling Centre to see if bins are available. He suggested that 4 grey and 4 green bins would be enough.

Entertainment

In the absence of available singers, TM will provide a sound system for music and suggested he might provide entertainment himself, possibly with other musicians.

Publicity

CB to provide the publicity used for the last social event as a basis for invitations to this year's event.

TM to colour print the invitations and to be reimbursed.

DL to divide the streets into sections and members of the committee will deliver invitations and talk to residents.

TB made the point that we should encourage residents to attend the party to create a stronger community.

Raffle

DL raised the question of raising funds for the party. She suggested a raffle with bottles of wine etc... for prizes. TB said he would donate a tray as a prize in the raffle. Other sources of funding to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Fireman's Square

DL reported that Chez Jules had offered to jet wash Fireman's Square. (This would need acceptance by the residents of Firemen's Cottages). The issue of maintenance of the steps and the area leading to the entrance to Centurion

House may be addressed by the application for development of Centurion House.

5. King Charles Coronation Biodiversity Competition

TB asked what money could be allocated to a specific project. It was suggested that it could be around £100. TB suggested this could be used to spread wild flowers in the Pocket Park. It is necessary to make a claim by 01/07/23. Agreed not to proceed as the sums involved did not justify effort.

6. Antisocial Behaviour

There have been fewer instances of ASB.

7. Finance

To be dealt with at the next committee meeting.

8. Planning and Licensing

The application on the CWAC Planning Portal for the development of Centurion House by Blueoak Estates was discussed. 'Prior approval' is required in line with process to allow permitted development. This enables comments to be raised by residents affected by the development.

SH has sent hard copies of the proposed development to all 'affected resident.' SH put 'agreed' text on Facebook as agreed in the meeting of the 24th May 2023. CB sent agreed text to all residents.

CW suggested that KSARA should represent resident's concerns about the development. SH agreed to draft a letter/e-mail setting out resident's concerns.

One resident on Water Tower Street sent an e-mail setting out her concerns that echoed those of other residents. (a copy of the e-mail is attached)

9. Highways and Parking

SH has been submitting data to CWAC in respect of near misses at the Canal Street/George Street/Northgate Street junction. There have been 11 near misses up to May 2023, and additional ones since.

10. Communications

Nothing to report.

II. Community Leadership

DL to attend a CRAG meeting 16/06/23.

12. New Residents

CW reported 2 new residents at number 7, Water Tower Street, Simon and Lisa.

13. Date of next meeting: July 10th 2023