

Minutes of the Meeting of the KSARA Committee February 6th 2024

Present

Tony Barcroft (Chair)
Sue Houghton (Minutes)
Chas Warwood
Tony McDermott
Deb Lindsay
Mick Confrey

Apology

Heidi Hackett

1. Minutes of 16th January Meeting approved.
2. Matters arising
 - (a) Transfer of Committee IT and banking access

ACTION: TB/TM to continue to progress this and bring a plan of action to the March meeting.

Noted that DL is owed £97.71 from purchasing items for events

- (b) Broken glass on King Street outside Red Lion after bottle bin emptying

ACTION: TM to inform the licensee that a complaint has been submitted to CWAC and encourage them to discuss the issue with the waste management company involved.

- (c) Lights at Firemans Square

TB had not yet been able to get advice from the electrician but had investigated ownership of the walkway and concluded that it still resides with CWAC as the ground floor had not been included in the sale of the property.

ACTION: SH to convey this view to Councillor Katrina Kerr

3. Planning and Licensing

Noted the recent publicity by Blueoaks Estates about the acquisition of Centurion House and plans to convert to 28 luxury apartments, noting that this is the full development, not the first phase of 13 apartments listed in the original planning application.

Committee to keep a watching brief on licensing for JAX2 (formerly Dough Dough) and Popcorn (Formerly Co-op Bank).

4. Engagement with residents

The Committee discussed how to engage residents who do not currently participate in KSARA activities. Need to ensure that all residents feel welcome but recognise that some residents already have busy lives and may not feel the need to engage. Suggested that residents might feel more comfortable attending in a “neutral” environment and on an ongoing casual basis rather than being invited to a couple of high profile events where they might not know anyone.

Main focus was on strengthening the partnership with the Pied Bull (already offering the King Street Club discount card) to make it the KSARA “community pub”. For example, early doors

drinks open to residents prior to Committee meetings; encourage residents to organise teams for the Thursday Quiz; use as the venue for a summer event instead of the Street Party, making use of the outside space.

ACTION: TM to arrange meeting with Pied Bull manager

ACTION: A team of Committee members to go to the quiz when a convenient date can be found

Other suggestions included holding community events at Storyhouse or in the upstairs space at Chez Jules, and arranging meals at nearby restaurants (with the added benefit of supporting local businesses).

5. Future meetings

To be scheduled on 1st Tuesday of each month.

| Date | Chair | Minutes |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| March 5 | Sue | Chas |
| April 2 | Chas | Tony M |
| May 7 | Tony M | Deb |
| June 4 | Deb | Tony B |
| July 2 | Tony B | Heidi |
| August 6 | Heidi | Mick |
| September 3 | Mick | Sue |
| October 1 | Sue | Chas |
| November 5 | Chas | Tony M |
| December 3 | Tony M | Deb |