

## Minutes of KSARA meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Present

Heidi (Chair)  
Deb  
Tony B  
Tony M  
Chas  
Mick (Minutes)

### Apologies

Sue  
Chris

1. Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> November Meeting agreed.
2. Report on AGM 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
All present agreed that the venue (St Peter's) worked very well and would use the venue for future events. After outgoings for refreshments a total of £182 was raised, of which £52 (raised from the Teddy Bear Card) was donated to St Peter's building fund. The remaining £130 will go towards future events.  
Sue did a fantastic job of chairing the whole evening.  
One area that was discussed was the AOB section, it was decided that prior notice of AOB topics to allow the committee to address them would work better. At future AGM's AOB request will be sent out ahead of the meeting.  
The presentation by Tony B on the King Street area cellars was particularly well received and the slides will be shared via the KSARA website.  
**Action – Tony B to make slides available on the website.**
3. Financial  
It was agreed that another committee member should be added to the access to the KSARA bank account, with a request that an internet banking function is added.  
**Action – Tony M to liaise with Chris to get himself added to the account.**
4. Communications  
Tony M raised that a local resident, L J, worked in PR and may be able to help promote KSARA.  
**Action – Tony M to speak with LJ and scope out enlisting her to help.**  
The committee discussed how to research reasons why some residents do not engage with KSARA. It was decided that the best approach would be to personally canvass residents known to them that do not engage to find out the reasons why, and what other things they would like to see the committee do – **Action for all.**  
It was agreed that another committee member should be added to the admin rights of the social media/website.  
**Action – Tony B to liaise with Chris to get himself added to the accounts.**
5. Centurion House  
Sue and Deb are in ongoing dialogue with the developer. They have also now engaged with Councillor Katrina Kerr and raised the matters previously discussed

(lighting, paving collapse etc) with her. In turn, Katrina has stated that she will try to find the answers. It was reported that the area was unadopted and literally falling through the cracks of responsibility.

The committee will encourage residents to report issues individually to the council through the links on the KSARA website.

**Action – Deb and Sue to report on any updates from Katrina at January’s meeting**

6. Update from CRAG

Deb updated the committee that the CRAG Carol Concert had been cancelled, and that they would be repeating the meeting of residents group members held at the racecourse in 2024.

Deb also updated the committee that Mike Hogg (CRAG) was looking for assistance from residents group members to volunteer to identify opportunities for redevelopment of the city in line with the council’s plan to bring more residential properties into the city. Tony B expressed an interest.

**Action – Tony B to contact Mike Hogg and offer assistance on the project.**

7. Planning/Pubs

Tony M reported that the Red Lion had now employed 2 door staff at busy periods to try to keep the pathway clear. The licence (Highways) allowing outside seating is renewed annually and is due for renewal in August 2024. The committee will monitor complaints leading up to this date to establish if any objections to the renewal are necessary.

8. Highways/Parking

Sue has an ongoing action regarding the junction of Northgate and Canal Street and can report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**Action- Sue to report at January’s meeting.**

Chas raised the ongoing issue of visitor parking permits impacting on residents’ parking permits. Deb reported that she has raised the issue with Katrina Kerr and awaits any updates. Chas reported that he was in discussions with the council/MP about the same issue and would take the lead.

**Action – Chas to update the committee on any developments.**

9. Carol Concert

The concert will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm onwards in the area between the rear of King Street and the rear of King Charles Court. The following actions were allocated, updates on progress at the next meeting.

**Actions for carol concert:**

**Sue – music playlist and lyric sheets**

**Tony M – audio equipment, table, gazebo**

**Tony B – crock pot**

**Deb – mulled wine**

10. Date of next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.