

KSARA minutes

Meeting: 2nd March 2026

Location: Pied Bull

Present: Deborah (Chair), Mick (minutes), Heidi, Vic, David.

Apologies: Tony B, Tony M

Resignation of committee member Simon

Unfortunately due to work commitments, Simon has had to resign from the committee. The committee would like to start the meeting by thanking Simon for his contributions thus far.

AGM 2025

The committee reflected on the 2025 AGM and the following was noted:

- There was a mixed reaction to the guest speaker at 2025 AGM and thought should be given to the type of speaker we want for 2026.
- Some residents attending the meeting commented that the venue (St Peters) was cold. The committee noted that St Peters is provided free of charge and it would be difficult to find a sizeable venue locally to match it. It was noted that St Peters did provide blankets at the meeting and the heating was on
- The timing of the 2025 AGM being a Thursday evening clashed with local parades which impacted on access to the venue and possibly attendance. It was noted that most if not all Thursday's in December are scheduled parades and Thursdays should be avoided for the 2026 and future AGM.

Webbers gaming Northgate

The committee discussed the objections to the application which were unsuccessful and a further discussion was had regarding if taking part in the objections to an application outside of the KSARA bounds may set a precedent, particularly with the planned Northgate 2.

Kirkton House and surrounding buildings Hunter Street

The future of the buildings seems to have gone quiet after some initial survey activity and the committee await any updates from Tony B monitoring the planning – **Action Tony B to update committee of any developments.**

Pot Holes King Street

The pot holes were reported and some that exceed the council guidelines are currently marked for repair.

Drain outside 7 King Street

Despite the council's recent drain clearing in the area the drain outside number 7 is blocked and the council are unable to unblock it. **Action Vic to monitor and report back**

Parking King Street/Water Tower Street

David reported that it has been agreed that the restrictions on both bays should include Sundays – we are awaiting an amendment to the signage after a required variation of a Traffic

Regulation Order which is held up due to lack of resource to process the variation. Recruitment is ongoing and they hope to have the staff to progress the variation in the next few months.

The secondary matter of extending the parking bays is still under consideration (one on King Street and one on Water Tower Street)

Multistorey car park Hunter Street.

Mick reported that access to the rear of Kings Building is blocked by cars entering and exiting the car park during busy periods. Mick had previously canvassed a view on a yellow box road markings being a potential solution. Debs reported that she had mentioned this to Councillor Katrina Kerr and would ask her to meet with Mick to discuss further.

Vic noted the sequencing of the traffic lights on Hunter street could be altered to allow more cars to enter St Martin's Way from Hunter Street avoiding backlog into the car park.

Mick also noted that the 'car park full' signs are placed on Hunter street rather than St Martin's Way. **Action – Mick to meet with and discuss the above points with Cllr Kerr**

Anti Social Behaviour

Nothing to report at present

Planning

Nothing to report in Tony B's absence

Pubs and clubs

Nothing to report in Tony M's absence

A.O.B

None

Next Meeting 30th March (early due to Easter)

Chair Mick

Minutes Heidi

Preliminary meeting dates and roles for your diary

Meeting Date	Chair	Minutes
March 30 th	Mick	Heidi
April 27 th	Heidi	Vic
May 26 th	Vic	David
June 29 th	David	Deb
July 27 th	Deb	Tony B
September 1 st	Tony B	Tony M
September 28 th	Tony M	Mick
October 26 th	Mick	Heidi
November 30 th	Heidi	Vic