

TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 26 September 2011

1. PRESENT

John Garrett, Dave Cummings (chair this meeting), Brenda Henley, Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins, PCSO Kat Davis, PC Colin Graham, Dinah Dossor, Joe Prendergast, Philip Cargill, Angela Lansley, Francine Palant, Robin Hall, Angela Cassidy, Mike Hogan, Mike Jackson, Aislinn O'Dyer, Neil Pennington, Val Adams, Dave Adams, Peter Scarfe.

APOLOGIES

Fr Cook St Agnes Church, Nathan Selby.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting held Monday 18 July 2011 were agreed, proposed Brenda Henley, seconded Joe Prendergast.

3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Parking charges in Sefton Park
- b) Local clean-up

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Saving Toxteth Cemetery

"Friends of Toxteth Cemetery" group met on 21st September. TANN was not able to send anyone this time; Brenda Henley will contact Cllr Tim Beaumont for a report of the meeting.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

a) Crime figures

For period since our last meeting in July:

Burglaries – none in the TANN area, though there were seven in nearby streets.

Attempted burglaries – two, in Brompton and in Hawarden Avenues.

Theft from motor vehicles – four, ALL of which were number-plates.

Dinah Dossor reminded the meeting she has a supply of special screws that can be fitted to number plate to prevent their being stolen. If interested contact her 0151 733 8282.

Theft of motor vehicle – three, one of which has been recovered.

b) Speeding Indicator Device

The SID had some technical issues that prevented its being placed in Ullet Road, however it will be placed there soon.

c) Sefton Park Flasher

There have been reports of a flasher in the park recently. Details are few but the suspect is male, aged 30/40, dark hair, receding hairline and possibly overweight.

6. PLANNING AND CONSERVATION

a) Visitor conservation issues

Owing to difficulties with altered dates the visitor was unable to attend, but Steve Corbett will be able to come to our next meeting; full discussion was deferred, however, in preparation for next time the following issues were identified:

- i) Residents' renovation and building projects are hampered by a lack of exact information as to what can or can't be done.
- ii) The rules and regulations published on the council's website are not easy enough to access.
- iii) Residents who abide by the rules, seeking advice and permission from the relevant council department have had perfectly reasonable projects (eg an application to fit PVC exact-look-alike sash windows) turned down.

- iv) Renovations being carried out that flaunt the rules, invariably having a bad effect on the integrity of the property.
- v) The need for the council to reconsider some restrictions in order to take account of developments both in energy-saving techniques and government recommendations for energy conservation.
- vi) The need for detailed information about permitted works will become even more essential when “green deal” grants for energy conservation projects become available in about a year’s time.
- vii) It was suggested that signs eg “this is a conservation area” could be erected in the area.

b) Local Hostels

It was reported that no. 77 Ullet Road has been granted hostel status. This means it can be used to house up to twelve people who may have a variety of health, housing and social issues. There was concern about the type of hostel it might prove to be, and that there seems to be a high concentration of similar establishments in the TANN area. Hostels already exist in Rutland, Brompton, Arundel, Halkyn and Ullet Road; another is to open shortly in Arundel Avenue. This list was drawn from the knowledge of residents present at this meeting. Issues identified were:

- i) Is there a comprehensive list of hostels in our area?
- ii) Are there any recommendations as to the concentration of hostels in a given area?
- iii) Should any difficulties arise for residents living adjacent to a hostel what is the best way to deal with a problem?
- iv) Who decides whether a property can become a hostel?

7. WEBSITE

Nathan Selby, Student Engagement Officer at Liverpool University, has contacted TANN interested in forming a link with us. We hope he will attend a future meeting.

8. FUNDRAISING

TANN treasurer suggested we need to think about some fund-raising projects soon.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Parking charges in Sefton Park

Rumours about parking charges in Sefton Park were clarified. Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins said that the introduction of parking charges was to be included in a proposal, currently being prepared, that aims to solve the badly-repaired unadopted roads situation around the park. It is an idea being considered.

b) Local Clean-ups

After the recent success of clean-up events in the Lodge Lane and “Dales” areas a similar event could be arranged for the TANN area. This idea met with approval, and it was felt it could be especially useful in Rosset, Hawarden and Gresford Avenues.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM 8.00pm Monday 21st November 2011
Followed by ordinary business 8.30pm