



Minutes of Committee  
Meeting  
Monday 11th July 05  
7.30 PM University Staff Club

**Present**:- J.Gillen(Chairman), Julia Brooking(Vice-Chairman), H.Rossell(Treasurer), Caroline Knight (Secretary) S.Connolly(Website Manager), D.Ely(Planning and Licensing Secretary), N.Martin(Membership Secretary), P.Augier(Catering), P.Banyard, (Committee members).

**In attendance**: Simon Fidler, Dick Buckle, Bob Sanderson, Sue Sanderson, Colin Baughurst (local members), James Cox (EBRA)

**Apologies**

Jean D'Arcy

Lauretta Wall

**Minutes of Committee Meeting 9th June** Taken as read. PA proposed and HR seconded the acceptance.

**Matters arising**

Nursery Brookvale Road- a letter has been received from the council stating that they will take points raised into consideration but will not comment- this is not satisfactory and will be dealt with under planning.

Newsletter- the article on Herbert Collins by Robert Williams needs to be revised.

*(Action Patricia)*

Update on new committee members - add to website. *(Action Tony Knight)*

**Correspondence.**

There was correspondence concerning:

- Letters relating to planning to be dealt with under planning.
- Newsletter
- Confirmation from Andrew Worsfold re the entertainment for the Hog Roast

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Nicholla described the welcome pack that street reps will be given and invited comments. Committee members to get full information and others to get abridged version. This will include maps that may be colour coded to the appropriate areas. She also discussed the re-introduction of the nuisance report - this was deemed to be useful.

It was agreed that we need to have a strong association to help support the actions that we have to take.

There will be a coffee morning for street reps and some committee members on 5th August at 5 Marlborough Court..

## Planning matters additionally listed.

- **Gordon Arms PH** . Peter Knight has advised they have applied for extension of hours. *David Ely agreed to verify and write letter of objection.*
- **London Road - no right turn.** Sue Sanderson gave a report on the council's Traffic scheme for this area and highlighted the difficulties that will be encountered by members driving into the city if unable to do this, being forced into the one way system. She had received correspondence from the Traffic Dept. saying that people locally (i.e. London Rd) were generally in favor. She made the point that there should have been wider consultation as this decision affected everyone coming into town from our direction. It was agreed to write to Cllr. Jill Baston raising concerns of local residents. **CK**
- **University Students Union.** It was agreed that we will oppose the renewal of their Club Registration Cert. and additionally seek a reduction of hours when the Public Entertainment license is renewed. A précis was given by JG of the SU position from the last committee meeting. He has since seen Andrew Wilson who has asked what compromise would be acceptable, for instance limiting the late opening to Friday and Saturday nights. We have already written objecting to the Public Entertainment License - CK sent letter.

James Cox spoke on behalf of East Bassett Res Assoc. The Club Registration Cert is the same as the Liquor License- allows alcohol to be sold anywhere in the Students Union premises - i.e. both the Cube Night Club and Refectory Bars. If this was not granted it would stop them selling alcohol anywhere on it's premises. The rules change in November when there will be a presumption of grant, but one can object if there are specific grounds. There will be no set time for renewal and it will be in the hands of the local authority- this replaces the club registration certificate. The capacity of the Student's Union Bar is understood to be 1730, West Bar 800, therefore it is possible that 2500 students could be drinking at any one time.

The behaviour of some students after leaving the premises is disruptive. Mr Clegg indicated at the last meeting that he was not prepared to agree any concession to local residents. The situation has deteriorated over the past year following the loss of Brian Forbes as Manager and the bars/Cube now stay open until 2 am at least 3 times a week. Students drink in Halls and then carry bottles out of the building, these are often dumped in the street, on their way to the University where they continue to drink until 2 am then make their way back. There have been 60 letters of objection - objectors have been invited to speak at the hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August. Jean Warman will speak on behalf of EBRA.

Licensing Magistrates need to understand the problem but the Liquor License is unlikely to be revoked. The Public Ent License should be objected to as this is where we may get a reduction in hours. Letters from EBRA were handed round. HRA have already objected.

Dick Buckle said that he shared the concerns as the residents of Highfield Lane and the Eastern end of Abbott's Way are also affected. He has written to residents and will also be canvassing those properties that are most affected.

Simon Fidler reiterated that on a Friday night 1500 people could be leaving the campus. PC Mullins is now policing the campus not the area. His role has changed from Uni Liaison Officer to Uni Beat Officer. He would respond to a problem if asked to. There appears to be little or no policing of the area - resources have been diverted and it takes 15-20 minutes for anyone to attend by which time the problem may well have cleared. The policing situation will not change and it is felt that there is no value in a compromise - so there needs to be an objection to the Liquor License or the case against the PEL would be weakened. Ask to get Cube de-licensed for a period of time. SF will canvass Highfield but under auspice of HRA, by 25th July.

The letter can bear the HRSA Banner but the content must be approved by Committee members. **JB** to liaise with SF. NM suggested that street reps might be able to help with delivery. Local Residents Associations members will be meeting with the University Liaison Group on Thursday 21st to put pressure on to control this problem. DB to attend also.

### **Treasurer's Report**

HR reported that the finances are in a healthy state and had prepared a budget for the current and following year. The Chairman asked if this could include an additional two columns showing income and expenditure YTD plus current balances. **HR**

### **Planning and Licensing sub comm.**

Terminus Bar. DE reported they have applied for seating in front of the building - approved for one year until 30.06.06 and the effect will be monitored.

1-3 Blenheim Ave. planning approval has been granted for the revised application.

Conservation status for the Oakmount Triangle is ongoing.

HMO's - David had prepared a précis from a National Report.

It is felt the Council believe development of HMO's is necessary to provide enough accommodation. There are problems in Highfield re this. It was suggested that HRA join the National Lobby - David will explore in more detail. The objective of HRA is to represent interests of local residents and should not be political but pressure is needed on local councillors re the views of local residents, as there is no adequate legislation in place to address this issue.

Colin Baughurst then spoke about the issues of 1-3 Blenheim Ave. He stressed that he was not speaking on behalf of OTRA but as a member. He gave a précis of the issues and raised concerns about the conduct of the Planning Panel when considering the application on 5th July.

Protocol was not adhered in re the order of speakers and Arshad Sharif was allowed to address the panel after the objectors had spoken. He introduced new material and when Carl Patrick asked to address this on behalf of the objectors he was not allowed to respond. No questions were asked of the Conservation Officer re the significance of original features in a Conservation Area. There was a discrepancy between information given to the Conservation Group and the stance taken on this application. It is felt that the Councillors showed partiality. There is a move to take the Council to Judicial Review on the count of maladministration as the residents feel very aggrieved. JR can be very expensive but there are possible means of support for this which are currently being explored. If this course is taken an injunction would have to be served to prevent building work. If a notice of progression to JR is served then written confirmation of planning permission would not be sent. The committee agreed that they would support application for Judicial Review subject to being able to confirm that liability to the association will be avoided. The Chairman's report in the forthcoming Newsletter addresses this matter in general.

At this point all those present who are not committee members left the meeting.

## Newsletter

- Went to print today - will be ready on Monday and will be distributed ASAP.
- It contains no photographs this time as they were not of high enough resolution.
- JB then described the contents.
- 4000 copies will be printed and copies will additionally be left at local institutions.
- There are no adverts as these must be prepared professionally.
- It was agreed not to go into colour as this would entail a redesign of the Newsletter and would tie us into additional costs.
- We might consider sponsorship rather than adverts.
- JG and JB will speak to Savills
- There could be 4 adverts per issue on the back page in future issues.
- If adverts are placed the fee will be £85 each.

## Summer Social

Everything is in place for the Summer Social.

The Events Sub-committee are due to meet on 29th August (Peggy, Jean, Phil)

We will need to have volunteers to man the bar. Donations for wine should be at least £1.50 and soft drinks 50p.

We will have to supply Rolls, apple sauce, stuffing, vegetarian option, salads, plates napkins and tables.

Guests will be able to bring their own tables and chairs.

The musician (Andrew Worsfold) has been booked and about 20 tickets have been sold so far.

## Committee Dinner

JG suggested Cenos as a possible venue. This was agreed and a date of Friday 23rd September was agreed. JG will liaise with Ceno re a fixed price menu and will book.

## Website Update

Should be live from Thursday 14th July. (**Action Tony Knight**)

## AOB

- PA reported that the hedge by Highfield Pub has been cut back.
- There is a light over the Bollards in Highfield Lane.

**Date and Time of next meeting.**

**7.30 PM Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the University Staff Club**