

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 14 January 2013 at 12 Sandfield Close, Lichfield

Present: Jeff Fry (JF) Chair
Gay King (GK)
Peter King (PK)
David Short (DS)
Andy Turnock (AT)
Judith Morraco (JM)
Dawn Hayward (DH)
Paul Ledbury (PL)
Geoff Lusher (GL)
Barbara Lusher (BL)
Jay Bryan (JB)
Veronica Berkett (VB)
Ken Lawrence (KL)

Apologies: A Morrison & G Edwards

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 3.10.12 and 26.11.12 were agreed as a correct record

2 Finance

DH reported that the bank mandate was now in place; that the balance stood at £182.05; and that the next item of expenditure was the web site and that would be due around March. DS reported that he requested a box for community funds at Waitrose. Consideration was given to revisiting charging a membership fee. KL reported on the grant application to Lichfield District Council

3 Issues facing LARA:

- a) **Venue** – KL reported that the Bowling Green normally charged £100 for their function room but would let it to a community group if they were buying meals. However George IV had a function room that could be used for no charge on a Monday.
Agreed - Committee members to advise KL if they knew of other appropriate accommodation available for use at nil cost
Action - All
- b) **Boundaries** – JF reported on the boundaries of Leomansley, and it was agreed that plans would be available for the next meeting
Action – JF
- c) **Email List.** PL reported on changes and the potential role the email list could play and the use by the police of the neighbourhood watch email and SMS
- d) **Street Lights** JF reminded the meeting to inform AM of any lights that were out at lightsout@tell-lara.co.uk or via the web site <http://www.telllara.co.uk/>. Requests for new lights to be raised with Clr Andy Smith ((LDC)
Action: All
- e) **Bus service.** GW reported on the bus routes, timetables and operators of 35, 60 and 81. It was agreed the LARA members would be consulted about bus services and shelters.
Action: GL

- f) **Press release.** DS reported that it had not been picked up by the local press due to coverage of the Alliance's comments on strategic planning issues.
- g) **Benches.** AT reported that the developer would not replace them until agreement was reached over the adoption
- h) **Traffic management.** KL informed the meeting that GE had asked Cllr Terry Finn for an update on the road adoption on Darwin Park and it appeared that the Elected Members were unaware that there is more than one agreement for the adoption of the roads on the estate and that some roads have yet to be inspected. GE was of the view that we are some way off from getting the whole estate adopted and that Staffordshire County Council (SCC) will try to adopt the main route through the estate first and then move to adopt the roads that link to it rather than adopting the roads in the order in which the estate was built.
- i) **Open space.** DS reported that he had raised the matter with Cllr Andy Smith and was still awaiting a response. A discussion on ensued on the reasons for the delay; its links with bus shelters; the health and safety issue of the ponds; and adoption of roads. It was agreed that further pressure would be needed and that in the first instance SCC's position would be verified (GE/KL); that an outline approach would be developed and shared with the Executive (JF) and then a press release would follow (DS).
Action: GE/KL/JF/AII/DS
- j) **Planning Application for a new pub.** JM and JF updated the meeting indicating that whilst the City Council supported the application our local Councillors had listened to residents and were opposing it, LARA would get a chance to speak the Planning Committee (meets every three weeks)

4 Dates of Future Meetings

- 20th May
- 4th September
- 3rd October
- 9th November (AGM)

LARA/KL/ECM