

## **Council Meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.00 pm.  
Sefton Park Bowling Club

## **Minutes**

Present: Eric Cohen: Chairman, Kevin Crone: Hon Treasurer, Reg Cox: Hon Sec., Wendy Cohen, Joy Raw, Paul Williams, Rev Lyn McIver,  
Ina Cox.

### **I. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Andrea Spyropoulos, Roy Fletcher, Sandra MacMillan, Anna Key, Sheila Thorp, Neil Rice.

### **II. Minutes of last meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July & 9<sup>th</sup> October (AGM).**

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed as accurate.

### **III. Matters arising**

There was no "Matters Arising" that was not covered by the Agenda.

### **IV. Chairman's Report.**

Eric Cohen stated that he had nothing to report that was not covered in the Agenda.

### **V. Treasurer's Report.**

Kevin presented the accounts, which showed a reasonably healthy balance. The increase, from the previous figure, being partly due to the request for subscriptions that had been made in the last newsletter. Also a sum of £1,000.00 has been received from Liverpool City Council to pay the fees of the person who is to make a survey of the trees between Floral Wood and Cottonwood.

### **VI. News of Garden Festival Site**

Eric Cohen reported that as a Festival Gardens Volunteer, he can report that there will be events for children during the Half Term Holiday, and that Suzanne Carr had left and been replaced by Paul Danter. There was a fire at the Bus/Café that caused the closure of the

Gardens whilst all was made safe. Funding for the upkeep of the Festival Gardens seems to be rather sketchy. There was no news of commencement of building of the accommodation at the north end of the site. They still do not have a letterbox and are trying hard to get the post office to get them a postcode!

**VII. Meet the Neighbours Event 2012. (MTN)**

It was arranged to hold the next MTN at the same venue as before, on the southern end of the grassland between Bempton Road and Riverside Drive, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. A sub-committee was elected to make the necessary arrangement, comprising Eric Cohen, Kevin Crone and Paul Williams, who will meet at Eric Cohen's home at 7:30pm on Wednesday 27 March 2013.

**VIII. Tree Problems between RRA & Shorefields and Floral Wood and Cottonwood.**

**RRA & Shorefields.** Paul Williams reported that he and Reg Cox had attended a meeting at NW Housing in Devonshire Road to discuss the problem of the trees in the area between RRA houses and Shorefields Co-op. The trees in the area have not been given any attention and are now causing many problems for residents on both sides. It was agreed that a survey be undertaken and a report issued in the near future.

**Floral Wood and Cottonwood.** Eric Cohen and Reg Cox had attended meetings called by Councillor John Coyne to discuss the problems of the trees between Floral Wood and Cottonwood. Which are causing problems to the residents whose gardens meet between the two roads. The trees were planted close together, to act as screens for the 1984 Garden Festival, and have not been serviced since then. Some trees had fallen, causing damage to others property. Councillor John Coyne arranged for a grant from the Council to be made, as reported in Item V. The Hon Sec has asked Dr Richmond Dutton to undertake the survey, which will be done when the trees are beginning to come into leaf.

**IX. Proposed School on Jericho Lane.**

The City Council had issued a notice proposing the re-location of Archbishop Blanch CofE High School to new build premises on Jericho Lane. The current buildings are in very poor condition and new build will be the most effective way to provide the school with fit for purpose accommodation. Meetings to make comment or protest were held at the Otterspool Café on 9<sup>th</sup> January at which representatives of the Council were bombarded with protests, pointing out the unfeasibility of such a venture, as Jericho Lane is already a busy main traffic route and to introduce dozens of parents cars dropping off children, twice a day, would cause even greater problems to the local citizens and through traffic. The Hon Sec wrote to the Council protesting at the

proposal, as did many other residents. There is to be another meeting once the traffic survey and local comments have been reviewed. RRA will inform residents when we know of the proposed meeting.

**X. Delivery of Newsletters.**

Sandra MacMillan had pointed out that the wording in Item VIII A.O.B. in the Minutes of the committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 was unacceptable to herself and other Representatives. The Committee agreed to change the wording to: Newsletters should be delivered to those residents that have paid the current subscription. The delivery of newsletters to other residents is at the discretion of the Representative.

**X. Any Other Business.**

Paul Williams said that despite his numerous discussions with Enterprise over a four year period Promenade Gardens are still constantly full of litter. One reason is that the cleansing frequency has been lengthened from one month to two months. He will constantly monitor the situation and contact Enterprise when necessary.. Eric Cohen agreed to contact the council to arrange the cleaning.

**IX. Date of next meetings.**

**7pm on Tuesday 16th April 2013**, then 16th July 2013 and the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012, the 2013 AGM.

The meeting ended at 8.01 pm.

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