

CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CIDTRA)

Minutes of meeting held on the 24th of November 2005. At Rozel Court at 7pm.

Attendance: Podge Eldridge (Secretary); Steve Blake (Swaythling Housing); Chris Payne (Drew Smith); Sylvie O'Halloran (Cidtra); Alison Holdaway (Cidtra); Councillor Dennis Harryman (S.C.C.); Edward Lang (Cidtra); Victoria Loveridge (Youth Options Worker H.C.C.); P.C. Goodall (Local Beat Officer); Sharon Samples (Lordshill Housing Officer); Ann Maylott (Maybush Housing Officer); Gary Shawyer (Youth Options Worker H.C.C.); Gary Waters (Cidtra Treasurer); Paul Hennessey (Cidtra Chairman); and there were 14 Local Residents.

1. Apologies: Kevin Sawyers (S.V.S.); Alison Bull (O.S.R.); Jo Van Tright (Cidtra); Paula Diaper (West Neighbourhood Partnership); Paul O'Donovan (T.P.U.); Peter Marsh-Jenks (S.C.C.); Di Brown, John Sprouse (local residents).

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (A.G.M. 22 September 2005) were read and agreed, these were circulated on the night.

3. Matters arising were covered on the agenda.

4. Treasurers Report. This was circulated at the meeting, it was a very comprehensive report and although Gary was late arriving from work there were no questions raised, the Chairman thanked Gary for a very thorough report and asked that a vote of thanks be recorded. Balance is at present £550.85.

5. Maintenance Report. The Chairman printed out a report which was also circulated at the meeting, he mentioned recent Estate Inspections carried out with Local Housing Staff and a further one to be done shortly to identify lights and paving at the top of the Estate.

6. Jersey Close Development. At this point of the meeting the Chairman introduced Chris Payne Project Manager for Drew Smith the Development Contractor, he gave an update of progress so far, this included the temporary car parking. He said unfortunately they had cut through some electric cables that were not shown on the plans supplied, but these had now been repaired; he explained that the current access from Boniface Crescent/Jersey Close will continue until the Brownhill Road entrance is ready.

Chris also told the meeting that Cobra Security had been employed for the duration of the contract; in answer to some residents he stated that the security should be overnight to keep out unwelcome visitors, some residents doubted that this was carried out so he will check.

At this point the Chairman introduced Gary Shawyer & Victoria Loveridge who are employed by H.C.C. and Drew Smith as Youth Options Workers to, as Gary explained, get local children involved in activities and reduce problems around the Estate. The age group Gary and his colleague are targeting is the 11 to 16 year olds. He is aware of some of the problems happening but would welcome any information residents can pass on, he is also working with the local Beat/Safety Officers we will give telephone numbers on the next Newsletter due out shortly, he said if anyone wanted a leaflet on how to talk to young people he would be happy to supply them, he finished his report by saying the proof of his success would be the building up of trust and relationships with the local youths, this he

said would take time he asked those present to be patient, he left a copy of his report if anyone wants a copy we can supply one.

Gary asked at this point if there were any questions, several residents from the top end of the estate (Lower Brownhill Road) area complained bitterly of local youths kicking front doors and being abusive when told to go away, this the residents said had been happening for some months now and although they had reported it to the police nothing seems to have been done to stop this problem.

As we had arranged a break for Tea/Coffee or if anyone wanted to go outside for a smoke this would be a good time to share information and several present spoke with the local Beat Officer and Gary Shawyer about these matters.

7. Community Garden. As Sylvie O'Halloran had to leave before this item the Chairman gave a progress report he explained that owing to bad weather the Garden committee decided to defer the official opening to the New Year.

Ann Maylott reminded the Association that we still need to apply for planning permission if we wish to paint the rear of the sheds and requested that more names be supplied to support the upkeep of the project; the Chairman said he would pass on this requirement to the Garden committee.

8. Rozel Court Kitchen Refurbishment Grant. The Chairman told the meeting that unfortunately our Bid on behalf of the Rozel Court residents for this work had failed there is no money left this year in Southampton Voluntary Services Grant Fund.

Councillor Dennis Harryman told the meeting that there was no need to lose hope as we could apply to Outer Shirley Regeneration Board for funding as it will benefit the community, he also gave an update on the Mansel Park Pavilion Project by the Golden Ring Boxing Club presently situated in Waterloo Road where facilities are bad. This project will if successful be able to take Children/Youths from the west of Southampton and give them much needed facilities to train, keep fit and teach them a discipline that will benefit them in later life.

9. Open Forum. The Chairman told the meeting that there were forms to take away giving suggestions of things that perhaps the residents wish to discuss at future meetings, or any other issues to bring up that can be dealt with by the Association or help enquiries in the right direction.

Sharon Samples told the meeting that Lordshill Housing Office do hold Surgeries to discuss problems on the Estate, on the 1st Thursday of the Month at Lordshill Church from 10am until 12 noon and she would welcome residents to bring their concerns and she or her colleagues would do their best to help resolve them, the Chairman thanked her for her offer.

Date of next meeting will be the 26th of January 2006. There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance wished the a safe journey home and gave them Seasonal Greetings from the Association.

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