

## **CHANNEL ISLANDS & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (cidtra)**

Minutes of meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2006 at Rozel Court at 7pm.

**Attendance:** Paul Hennessey (Chair); Podge Eldridge (Secretary); Gary Waters (Treasurer); Sylvie O'Halloran (cidtra); Jane Samuels (Housing Manager); Ann Maylott (Shirley Housing Office); Dennis Harryman (Councillor); Gary Shawyer (Youth Options Worker) and there were 12 local residents at the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** Paul O'Donovan (TPU); PC Goodall (Shirley Police); Nicola O'Rourke (Swaythling Housing Assoc); Chris Payne (Drew Smith); Parmjit Thiara (Housing Officer); Jo Van Tright & Alison Holdaway (Cidtra).

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** were read and agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters arising:** there were 3 matters arising: 1 Paul had a walk around the Estate with Jane Samuels the new Housing Manager so she could get a better knowledge of the area. Paul reported that there were still some lights out on the Estate, Mike Adams whose responsibility it is will come to the next meeting. 2 A resident of Rozel Court told the meeting that CCTV and windows recently repaired had been damaged again. 3 Unfortunately the matter of drains and whose responsibility it was could not be answered owing to Parmjit Thiara not being in attendance.

**4. Treasurers Report:** Gary Waters gave a report on the current position, and asked if there were any questions, Sylvie O'Halloran asked if garden tools for the Lower Brownhill Garden could be purchased from the Assoc funds, Gary explained that the funds were for running the Assoc, the money for tools would have to be raised from other sources.

**5. Maintenance:** Paul gave his usual report on the condition of paths and car parks he reported that a bricklayer was working his way around the Estate car parks repairing walls, Sylvie O'Halloran asked about parking posts; again this item is still waiting resolution. Jane Samuels was asked at this point what were her initial views on the Channel Islands Estate, Jane replied that she thought that the estate was looking good and in very good condition and she hoped to get involved to help resolve residents concerns but added that there was only so much in her Budget. Dennis Harryman said he took up the problem of CCTV at Rozel Court and the reply from the Warden was that there were no problems, and the cameras are working fine.

A resident from St Brelades complained of car parks surfaces in a bad state of repair.

**6. Brownhill Garden Project:** Sylvie O'Halloran stated that recently damaged fence panels have been replaced by Richard Downes. The Official Opening will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 2pm there will be refreshments and she will ask the Chair of Outer Shirley Regeneration Board to do the honours to open it. There will be a work party on 4<sup>th</sup> April, Gary Shawyer said he would bring some of the youths he was working with to help out and Richard Downes (Warden) will be there to help lay paving slabs recycled from Jersey Close and plant and prepare the Garden.

**7. Jersey Close:** There was concern by one resident that several items needed looking into, specifically in the St Hellier car park, the surface is not complete, the slope is unsatisfactory, barriers

unsafe, Security Lights only on when Security Guard activates switches, some street lights not working for 7 weeks. (Health & Safety), access to and from the same is restricted by vehicles parked on Brownhill Rd. It was suggested that some form of restriction is wanted. Councillor Harryman said he would investigate and try to help, but reminded people present that most of these concerns will be resolved once the Building Project was finished. The final complaint was that the Slalom Gates fitted to slow down or stop Motor Bikes being ridden dangerously had been damaged or have been left open, Paul to look into this matter and report back.

**8. Gary Shawyer the Youth Options Worker** gave a report on what he had been doing to get the youths on the Estate involved, he has taken them on Assault Courses, Go Karting and as one resident remarked the youths are responding, Gary told the meeting that since November 2005 the incidents of problems on the Estate had dropped 50%. Gary said he with PC Goodall will try to find out who was responsible for the damage at Rozel Court but he needs help to identify those youths causing trouble, if anyone has any information please pass it on to him. Funding for his work with the local youths will run out when the Jersey Project is finished, so he is trying to find other funds to continue his work which as results show is to be complimented, Cidra gave an undertaking to help where we can.

**9. Sarnia Court Garden:** Podge gave a report on the Garden funded by Outer Shirley Regeneration Board, and recently a Grant from Southampton Voluntary Services for plants and shrubs worth £500.00. The plan agreed by the residents of Sarnia Court will take most of this. The GMB union has given a donation for a tree to be the centre piece of the circular rose bed and some additional shrubs if required. The Assoc has circulated the area and asked the local residents to keep an eye on the Garden and inform the Assoc if there is any damage done, there will be an official opening in the Summer and invites will be sent out to residents and interested parties, hoping for a dry day? Date and time to be arranged.

**10. Rozel Kitchen Grant:** Paul informed the meeting that we have been successful in getting a grant of £3,000.00 from Outer Shirley Regeneration, the maximum given to anyone, we will now contact B&Q to order the kitchen, the City Council have agreed to fit it free of charge. We will report back at the next meeting on progress. The Chairman thanked Councillor Dennis Harryman for his efforts on our behalf in succeeding with our application.

**11. Open Forum/AOB:** Sylvie O'Halloran requested that anti vandal paint be applied to the edge of the sheds backing on to the Lower Brownhill Garden to stop children climbing from the entrance gate onto the roof of the sheds, Councillor Harryman stressed the regulations and also the high cost involved Ann Maylott said she would enquire to see if this was possible.

**12. Date of next meeting:** May the 25<sup>th</sup> 2006 at Rozel Court there being no further Business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them well and closed the meeting.