

CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24 of July 2008 in Rozel Court at 7pm.

Attendance: Paul Hennessey (Chair, cidtra); Gary Waters (Treasurer, cidtra); Mike Holder (cidtra); Lin Holder (cidtra); Jane Vine (cidtra); Paul Langler (cidtra); Michael Farleigh (TPU/SCC); Jan Carr (Sure Start); Gail Sketcher (N Warden); Gavin Avey-Hebditch (City Patrol) .There were 20 Residents and 3 visitors.

1. Apologies: Podge Eldridge (Secretary); Cllr Cathy McEwing (SCC); Cllr Paul Holmes (SCC); Peter Marsh-Jenks; Michaela Kelsey (Swaythling Housing); Parmjit Thiara (SCC Housing); Jackie Isaac; Adam Field.

2. Eileen Downes, Chair of Millbrook History Society. Eileen gave a very lively and interesting talk about the local area and indeed wider interests. She brought along several books on local history, notably one on Millbrook which had been produced by the Society, for members to leaf through. Eileen kindly donated two of these to be put in the draw held later.

Eileen was thanked for an enlightening talk and we wished the society well, meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Vaudlin room at Millbrook School (soon to become Oasis Academy) on Green Lane at 7.30; subjects range widely and have included Titanic, metal detecting finds, a local slide show and quiz, Red Funnel, amongst others; their AGM will be on 4th September and all would be welcome. She also promised to give what help she could with our 40 year celebration.

This point seemed a good opportunity to break for informal talk and refreshments.

The City Patrol Officer asked if there were any specific questions as he needed to continue his patrol and several residents brought items of concern including travellers; motor bikes and response from 101 calls, not all of these could be answered satisfactorily as most were subject to restrictions in law. It was emphasised that reporting incidents was very important as this enabled things to be linked by building an overall view which may lead to connecting similar items and adding to the police knowledge. This could be done by calling 101 or freephone Actionline 0800 5 191919, local call to police 0845 0454545 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 where you can give information without going through the procedure of giving you name and address and age etc.

3. Minutes of the meeting 22 May: were agreed.

4. Matters Arising: Charlie asked if anything had come of the suggestion that the bins from Rozel Court could be moved directly out and a dropped kerb be put in to prevent the large bins being trundled along the paving. It is thought that this was pursued but the expense involved was not available; however we will ask again for clarification.

5. Finance Report: Gary Waters said there was little to report as there had been little activity; the bank balance stands at £867.23; however this did not include a recent donation of £75 from Solent Kite Flyers in respect of help given by 3 committee members who helped in the kite workshop at the Festival in June.

6. Possible 40 year celebration in August 2009: Having established that the Estate building was completed in 1969 it is hoped to have a considerable celebration in 2009, provisional date is 2 August; however there is a lot work to do before then and Paul appealed for anyone interested in giving ideas or being willing to help in some way either by serving on a sub-committee or being able to contact possible contributors or finance sources to get in touch.

We will be approaching some of the many residents who have been on the estate since moving into the houses when they were new and would be pleased to hear from any we are not aware of. The idea is to produce a book with photos and reminiscences from them; individual names need not be mentioned. We have some archive photos from the Echo.

Several suggestions were brought forward including participation from Dog Training; Hampshire Air Ambulance; Rugby Club; Dance groups; Romsey Old Cadets; Fire brigade; Boxing Club; many local organisations who might like to promote themselves as well as such things as Face painting; tombola; Climbing Wall; Punch and Judy/magician; the list goes on and we will have to meet and discuss how to achieve all we plan. Suggestions were also made about who in the commercial field might help finance such a venture; Sainsbury's; Tesco; BAT; Ordnance Survey etc.

We were very pleased to find this interest and a show of hands in support of the venture brought a majority in favour.

7. Any other business: Brian asked if there was any way that SCC could help the silver surfers who are waiting to register on the Computers in Rozel in the absence of Debbie Cotton who is unwell, Michael Farleigh said he would follow up. Brian also asked about the possibility of some help in getting blinds, which had been purchased through a grant, fitted in the community room to increase security. It was suggested that he looked again at the grant provisions to see if fitting costs were included.

Lin Holder appealed on behalf of Lordshill Community Association for help and asked if residents would come to their Extraordinary General Meeting on 7th August in the Centre in Andromeda Road, where the Boot Sale takes place. There will be a new extension built for 2009 which will make it much more comfortable for activities and parties etc. People willing to give some time to help with the running of the centre are needed.

We were very pleased to see Dennis Harryman who came as an invited visitor and thanks were expressed for his support from the outset of the Association, he will always be welcome at our meetings as his past experience has been invaluable and we wish him well for the future.

Jane asked about the cleaning and other maintenance of the Jersey Close area and the play park and we are in consultation with Swaythling and SCC play areas. We will continue to pursue these matters; it was unfortunate that Michaela was unable to attend due to sickness.

It was noted with regret that no police presence was available, although City patrol did address some matters.

A draw took place and thanks to the generosity of members five items were drawn for attendees.

8. Date of next meeting: the next meeting will include the Annual General Meeting and will take place on Thursday 18 September. This is a change from the usual fourth Thursday due to conflicting arrangements.

After thanking Eileen and other officials for their attendance along with a good turnout from residents the meeting closed at 8.30.

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