

CHANNEL ISLE & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the 26th May 2011 at Rozel Court 7pm.

Attendance; Paul Hennessey (Chair); Eileen Cunningham (cidtra); Paul Langler (Vice-chair); Jane Taylor (cidtra); Ray Beattie (cidtra); Marie Milsom (cidtra); Adrian Thomas (Oasis Academy); PCSOs Fowler and Carpenter; Cllr. Andrew Pope; Simon Stokes (Lib.Dem Candidate); Helen Humphries (Radian); Paula Windebank (Radian). Eleven residents attended.

Paul Langler chaired the meeting and welcomed all those present.

1. Apologies: Ian Golding (Oasis Academy); Cllr. McEwing; Podge Eldridge; Gary Waters ; Emma Bailey (Shirley Housing Office SCC); Parmjit Thiara (Local Housing Manager); Val Judd; Gail Sketcher (Warden); Michael Farleigh (TPU); PCSO Underwood; Peter & Margaret Thorne

2. Gary Waters was due to give a discussion about Fluoridation, Unfortunately he had today been diagnosed with Chicken Pox and as it was contagious he decided not to attend (for which we were grateful); however he sent a video which proved unsuitable as the sound was too low to hear (we hope to review it at the next meeting when he will be recovered). Alan Waters related his experience, he had suffered for several years from pain, he stopped using toothpaste containing fluoride and then realised that it had subsided. Several opinions about the pros and cons of adding fluoride to the water supply were put forward including frustration that it was being done without the option of getting the full backing from the public. Cllr. Pope gave some details of how the Council dealt with the option and explained that Councillors had been free to vote. He had spoken to many families in the area where dental problems with young people caused concern. He said that British Dental Association are in favour of adding at 1ppm, which legislation claims as safe. Lengthy discussion followed with differing opinions. Paul L said that he would put links to the subject on the web site.

3. Ian Golding, Head of Oasis Academy is unwell and sent his apologies asking Adrian Thomas to bring us up to date with the progress of the new building on Five Acres. He spoke of the fact that there was now an appearance of steel structure which would rapidly grow and hoped that the pile driving which had taken place had not been too unbearable. It is due for completion in August 2012 and he promised that we would get an invitation to a guided tour of the school before opening. There will be a presentation at Oasis Fairisle on 25 June 1100-1500. He said that achievements at the school were promising and reported that attendance had increased to 91%; the Oasis website will give full details. Questions were asked about the catchment area and he thought that there would have to be some adjustment as our estate fell into the Redbridge area. Cllr. Pope also said that reassessment needed to be looked at. There are no plans to include a swimming pool as the Oaklands site would remain. The school is funded by central government not local. The Green Lane site now has no pupils; community activities take place and he underlined that the Down to Earth Farm was still running and in need of volunteers to help with it's running. He was thanked for the information and said he hoped to return.

Before the break for refreshments Paul H asked if there were any questions specifically for the police as they may need to get away. He asked if there could be some attention particularly to the fact that the Lower Brownhill/Romsey Road Junction was being constantly abused by drivers not following the signs. PCSO Fowler stated that he had cautioned a driver on the way to the meeting tonight.

*A refreshment break took place.*

4. Minutes of the last meeting 24th March were agreed as a true record and signed. There were no matters arising

5. Paul L spoke of the proposed event on Five Acres on 14th August. We have applied for a grant from SCC Community Chest and if successful it promises to be an opportunity for teams/groups to compete against a course of obstacles. Sports Development and Oasis Fitness suite along with some local football groups have shown an interest. He emphasised that all ages would be welcome and some handicapping would be in place to make it fair to all. Other items like an Inflatable football pitch; Face painting; Burgers and involvement from other attractions. We have asked Nursling Scouts to be involved. Radian Community Officer Paula Windebank said she would be keen to help and encourage their tenants possibly with financial help.

6. Any Other business – The Kite festival is taking place on 18/19 June during which we have usually helped in the Kite Workshop where children make kites with help from adults. It is great fun and anyone who would like to take part will be welcome to go to the tent and offer themselves.

The question was asked why the Association is no longer putting on coach trips and it was explained that Fay Martin wanted to do it independently and has made her own arrangements. She has resigned from the committee. There might be an opportunity to reinstate them in a different form in future.

As a result from that Penny Stacey has been invited to join the committee, Penny is a resident in Rozel. No objections were raised and we welcomed Penny unanimously.

Cllr. Pope raised awareness that the grocery store Lidl wished to build a distribution centre on land bordering the M271. He said there were no firm plans yet and he would bring any progress to the next meeting.

7. The usual draw took place, thanks to donations by several residents.

8. Chair thanked all for attending. Date of next meeting Thursday 28th of July, 2011.

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