

## Minutes of JAG meeting held at the Effra Social, 21/1/14

Present: Tim Sutton (chair), Hilary Box (treasurer), Marion Woodward (secretary), Nick Berry, Len Villa, Gina Vila, Geoff Blake, Lili Pecirep, Irene Mitchell, Frances Forrest

1. Apologies: Terry, Robyn
2. Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting have been available on the the JAG web-site under the members' area and no objections have been received so the minutes were approved by the meeting.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

A new account has been opened with the Co-op with Three signatories; HB, TS and MW. Two signatures are required on cheques. HB has a Debit Card which she can use. TS also has a Debit Cards but only to be used when HB not available. Online banking has also been arranged for HB to access.

The Account was opened with £8,124.40 from the old account. £2,000 has been sent the Philippines Appeal as agreed by the last meeting. There were also a number of outstanding payments due from previous Street Cleans which leaves £59970.41 with a further debt of £363 which has not yet been paid.

HB has also been working on obtaining liability insurance. It was pointed out that people can be litigious and so a this is necessary. A lot of details are required so this is still a work in progress.

TS thanked HB on behalf of the meeting for all the work she has done since taking over as treasurer.

Regarding insurance for the party; the size of the events/activities effect how much we have to pay so this will be kept in mind during any planning.

TS suggested that people sign up to a weekly bulletin to keep up to date on party progress.

### 4. Street Party

The 'plan' so far is that we close off the road between both ends of Appach Road and hold the party in the area between. The pavement area would be available for 'stalls' and we would have tables down the middle of the blocked-off road for eating etc.

The road Closure had already been applied for by NB. The date will be Sunday the 1st of June.

Each individual running a 'stall' or activity will organise it. Residents are not allowed to sell anything as we are seeking free street closure. So far we have;

Music/sound stage	Nick Berry and Irene Mitchell
Live Band	Len Villa
Dr Bike	Frances Forrest
Book Swap	Marion Woodward & Josephine Avenue Book Group
Plant Swap	Tim Sutton
Pet/Animal Event	Geoff Blake
Cake Raffle	Lili Pecirep
Childrens' Craft Area	Robyn (number 27 Josephine Avenue)
Insurance	Nick Berry and Hillary Box

Other suggestions looking for someone to take responsibility

Childrens' Entertainment

Games, eg with teams, odd vs evens for example

There were a lot of ideas thrown around and it was thought that we should have a street party sub-committee to meet unofficially as and when required. Some of the ideas/suggestions were

We would like to invite residents from neighbouring roads, eg Leander.

Dr Bike will cost about £160, suggested that we ask for sponsorship or someone such as Evans Cycles if they will help with this.

Police free bike marking a possibility, FF to make enquiries.

Sub committee to ask the local fire-brigade to attend.

## 5. Street Clean

TS has been trying to contact residents who previously organised the JAG Street Cleans regarding tools purchased by JAG, obtaining skips and Council contacts. No response so far but will keep trying.

Volunteers need to be organised;

GB and FF volunteered to be involved and LP volunteered to help with leafleting.

Those present decided on three Street Cleans per year and chose dates

Spring	End of March	29/3/14
Summer	Two weeks before Urban Art	28/6/14
Winter	Before clocks go back	11/10/14

## 6. Parking

There is a problem with non-residents parking in the carriageways on the even side of Josephine Avenue causing congestion. FF described how they have cured the problem on Brixton Hill by using a company who provide No Parking notices and with residents issuing the parking tickets. The company then enforces fines, part of which is given back to the resident.

However, this scheme requires the full co-operation of residents and there was some doubt as to whether this would work in Josephine Avenue.

As an alternative TS suggested JAG could fund the production of its own No Parking signs. GB was asked to discuss this with other residents effected and bring a proposal back to the next meeting (eg. how many signs are needed and what they should say?).

## 7. Urban Art 2014

In the interests of transparency it was felt that the organisers of Urban Art (the Open Arts Project) should ask JAG permission to host the event? It was pointed out that Urban Art was JAG's only fund raising activity and was reliant on residents volunteering before and during the art fair weekend to raise funds. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of supporting this year's event.

The plans are on course for 12<sup>th</sup> and 13th July. Letters have already gone out to residents asking permission to use the railings. TS is in discussion with the Council regarding street closure fees.

#### 8. Constitution

Last year there was a long debate on the JAG constitution. A draft amended constitution exists but it was decided to discuss this at a special meeting later in the year when we do not have so much going on. Issues that need resolving include position of the Brixton Hill Residents at the end of Josephine Avenue and the number of meetings we have to hold each year.

#### 9. AOB

Rubbish at Brixton Hill end.

There are big problems with the dumping of rubbish here, in particular from some of the food outlets who are flouting the law. There was some question as to whether or not JAG should get involved at this stage as it is a 'neighbour' issue. It was felt that first of all the Environmental Health services should be contacted, a diary kept and photos taken. JAG would consider getting involved if no action is taken.

Rubbish on Street

Following the exchange of the old 'big' bins for fewer smaller ones there has been an increase of rubbish on the streets – exacerbated by the fact that the dustmen won't empty a bin that is not shut flat and that each 'house' only gets one bin regardless of the number of 'dwellings'.

There is also a problem with fly-tipping outside number 2.

We agreed to organise a petition.

LP will draft a letter and send it to TS.

TS will put a sign on the notice board.

10. Summary of points of Action

Street Party

Insurance for Street Party NB and HB

Street Clean

Retrieve tools, leaflet, contact Lambeth TS

Volunteers for Street Clean so far (all present)

Leafleting for street clean LP

Parking

Discuss action on affected residents GB

Fly-tipping outside number 2.

Petition/letter LP

Sign on the notice board TS

11. Dates for 2014 meetings.

19/3/14 Wednesday

18/6/14 Wednesday

18/9/14 Monday

21/11/14 Friday AGM and Party.