

## Minutes of JAG meeting held at 1 Helix Gardens, 28/1/15

Present: Tim Sutton (chair), Hilary Box (treasurer), Marion Woodward (secretary), Garry Turnbull, Nicholas Berry, Mari Beau, Melissa Digby-Bell and Jenny Perry (Arodene Road).

### 1. Apologies Received

Frances Forest

### 2. Approval of previous minutes.

Minutes emailed to previous meeting attendees, approved and published on web site.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

HB reported that we currently have £5,501.08 in the bank account and no petty cash. £205.90 was spent on food and drink at the AGM in November and we donated £200 to the Brixton Blog which was crowd-funding an appeal for a member of staff. We will need to renew our public liability insurance at the end of March. Last year this cost £180.

### 3 Street Party

The Street Party was a great success last year. The AGM decided on 7<sup>th</sup> of June for this year. We decided to form a sub-committee for the street party to be run by Nick, who will also apply to the Council for the road closure. The first sub-committee meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> April at Marion's House (73 Appach). It was hoped that more people would become involved 'up front'.

We didn't decide on a budget for the party yet as we would be discussing income-generating at the street-party meeting.

We would try and source tables and chairs for free again but need to be vigilant that people take care of them. Last year one of the tables was badly damaged by someone putting unprotected hot pots directly on to the table and we nearly lost our deposit.

### 4. Urban Art Charity Partners

In order to run the Urban Art event the hedges along the railing have to be cut. We have usually done this as part of our Street Clean but recently there has been a lack of volunteers for this activity.

At the AGM it was proposed and agreed that in return for using our streets, money would be raised from the exhibiting artists to pay for the hedges to be cut and cleared away twice a year. (estimated to be £500 x 2 = £1,000 in total).

On the day, Urban Art is manned by 4 groups of volunteers. In return, each of these Charity Partners (2 groups each day) receives 5% of the commission paid by the exhibiting artists. JAG is usually one of the Charity Partners and this is where we have raised our funds in the past. However it has become increasingly difficult for us to provide enough volunteers to cover

our commitment; resulting in the volunteers who do turn up having to do longer shifts. And we do have a healthy bank balance.

JAG would always have first option to be a Charity Partner but the meeting voted unanimously to offer the opportunity to earn money to another local charity this year.

This would be decided by Open Arts Project who are the non-profit organisers of the Urban Art event. Nominations from residents welcome.

#### 5. Street Clean Saturday 11/10/14

We will only do one street clean this year as the hedges will be cut in conjunction with Urban Art (See no 4 above), the meeting chose Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Tim will approach L&Q to see if they will provide us with a skip. In order to reduce the amount of other rubbish it was suggested it be placed 'out of sight'; off the main street

#### 6. Date of JAG Meetings

According to the revised constitution approved at the AGM we only need to meet 4 times per year. Dates for this year will be; 27<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> November – which will be the AGM.

#### 7. Street Bike Shed

This is being organised in conjunction with Councillor Mary Atkins. They come in pairs. The JAG web site will inform residents of any new developments.

#### 8. Controlled Parking Campaign

The Council have finally decided to do a review of the CPZ – this was part of the original commitment when the CPZ was introduced. As a result of action by individual residents this issue will be forwarded to the. The JAG web site will inform residents of any new developments.

#### 9. AOB

##### Parking Trailers on Josephine Avenue.

The Council do not have a parking policy covering trailers or caravans left on the road. Marion agreed to contact our Councillors and ask them to get involved in this issue.

##### Planning permission proposal for Hermes House

Hermes House has a new Freeholder who is making significant changes to the building. There was some discussion as to whether this is wider JAG issue or one for the individuals affected. Particular issues are: Rush common; Conservation status; Breaking previous agreements made with residents.

Gary will draft a letter to the Council and send it to the JAG officers. If agreed a copy will be sent to all residents individually and also to The Brixton Blog and Bugle.

10. Summary of points of Action

Apply to Council for the Street Party road closure.	Nick
Approach L&Q to see if they will provide us with a skip for Street Clean	Tim.
Contact our Councillors regarding trailers parked in Street	Marion
Draft and distribute a letter to the Council re Hermes House	Gary
Leaflet for Street Party Meeting	Tim

11. Dates of next meetings

JAG	27 <sup>th</sup> May
	29 <sup>th</sup> July
	30 September
	25 November (AGM)
Street Party sub-committee	1 <sup>st</sup> April