

Minutes of Sion Hill & Summerhill Road Residents' Association AGM 6 pm Monday 14th October 2024

Present: Michael Maude, (Acting Chairman), Ian Cutter (Treasurer), Sally Parkes/Painter (Secretary), Joanne Johnson, Jenny Atherton, Suzanne Chase (Committee Members), Linda & Andrew Wyon, Vin & Unagh Madden, Glenys Henshaw, Carolyn Haresign.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The acting chairman, Michael Maude welcomed everyone and read out the apologies.

Neil Barnes, Paul Crowsley, Patricia Ludlam, Gwyn Randolph, Brenda Clayton, Jacqui and Robert Parker, Jim & Ann Dowling, Ann Cowan, Tim Painter.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM of 23 October 2023.

Michael asked for comment, then approval, and those present agreed the minutes were a true record.

3. Chairman's Report.

Michael said that very little had changed, since the Summer Newsletter, which can be viewed on the website. www.sionsummerhill.org.uk.

Michael mentioned that it had been brought to his attention by Ann and Jim Dowling, that they were very concerned about the number of HGVs going along Sion Hill (Cedar Grange-19 Sion Hill) to Summerhill Road. The houses have underground vaults/cellars under the road, originally built to take much lighter loads, and it was thought there should be a weight restriction. Michael said that it was very difficult to get the Council to respond to such issues, and there was no budget available for enforcement. Joanne knows a neighbour who is a structural engineer, and she said she would talk to him. Sally mentioned that it could be an issue prior to planning, and perhaps the residents who instruct builders should check the size of the lorries being used. There is a width restriction coming up Cavendish Road, East Sion Hill, and leading to Lansdown Crescent.

Michael reminded the meeting of the FOBRA winter reception at the Elim Church, at 6:30pm Tuesday 12th November. He said that he was going and it would be an opportunity for people to meet Councillors and representatives from other Residents Associations.

4. Treasurer's Report

Lloyds Opening Balance 30th September 2023 £225.10

Membership Income 30th September 2023 – 30th September 2024 £10.00 £235.10

Expense – Annual FoBRA Membership -£25.00 £210.10

Closing Balance 30th September 2024 £210.10

Ian presented the account, with 2 new memberships entered, and an annual subscription to FOBRA. He mentioned that Paul had not sent any bank details for running the website. Michael went on to say that the membership fee was not annual, and only had to be paid once on joining.

5. Election of the Committee

Michael said that all members of the committee were prepared to be re-elected. Linda proposed this and Andy seconded it.

6. Any Other Business

Linda Wyon wanted to know if there was any more news about the Winifred's Lane Closure. Suzanne said that it had been put on hold by BANES following the legal action of the Stop Winifred's Lane Closure group. The BANES webpage did not have any further updates on the next steps, timing or whether there would be a consultation with residents. The Committee would continue to monitor the position. Jenny commented that residents local to the Sydney Road ETRO were challenging the Council saying that it was illegal. Four members of our Committee went to a Community surgery held by the Council to talk about our concerns if an ETRO was implemented. Suzanne said that she had asked them for a risk assessment, and there was none. We stated that it would not stop the traffic and it would go elsewhere, causing dangerous situations on the junctions off Julian Road, Morford Street, Sion Road onto Lansdown Road. Andy commented that it would be gridlock. We talked of the safety issues on the bends adjacent to the Sion Hill campus, and of more traffic passing 2 primary schools. The Council seem to think that the traffic would evaporate. Joanne said that she noticed Theresa Franklin and others of Cavendish Crescent RA counting vehicles. Michael said that we can do no more at the moment, but be alert to any developments.

Sally said that Neil Barnes had retired, after being on the Committee for sometime, as our Treasurer (before handing over to Ian), and Membership Secretary. She proposed a vote of thanks to Neil for all he had done for the association, and everyone present joined in.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed. Michael thanked everyone for attending.