

South Gosforth Residents' Association – Annual General Meeting

24 September 2009

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including those attending for the first time and asked all present to introduce themselves.

2. in Attendance

Jerry Ruddick (chair SGRA)
Gordon Robinson (treasurer SGRA)
Sonia Bradley (secretary SGRA)
Councillor Peter Leggett (Newcastle City Council)
Victoria Powell (Ward Co-ordinator Newcastle City Council)
Residents - Siobhan O'Brien, Irene Matthewson, Eleanor Dinnis, Anne Robinson, Joan Harrison, Vera Glynn, Audrey Lackenby, Michael Stoddard, Pat McDonald, Chris Gooday, Harry Martin, Sheila Park, Norma Shannon, Janet Fraser, Paul Spicer, Hazel Spicer.

3. Apologies

Darren Penaluna – Neighbourhood Response Manager Newcastle City Council
Councillor Mike Cookson – Newcastle City Council
Geoff O'Brien – Resident
Inspector Ronnie Lowes (was advised that the policeman who was going to be attending was delayed at Hazelrigg as they were having an AGM at the same time as ours.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

5. Chair's Report

A full report was presented and all key points have been achieved. There will be a meeting about residents' parking issues on Wednesday 30 September at 6.30pm at South Gosforth First School.

6. Treasurer's Report

The balance of the account at the end of April is £183.05. A grant of £500 was secured from the council for tree planting and some income has been gained from the website.

7. Nominations for Office Holders

Chair – Jerry Ruddick – proposed Irene Matthewson, seconded Pat McDonald
Treasurer – Gordon Robinson – proposed Irene Matthewson, seconded Norma Shannon.

Secretary – Sonia Bradley – proposed Irene Matthewson, seconded Pat McDonald.

8. Amendment to Constitution

It was agreed to look at ways of welcoming new residents at meetings, including those at Bowsden Court. Also it was decided that the constitution was accepted.

9. Police Issues

There was no police update available but residents were reminded that police attend ward committees for updates.

10. Any Other Business

There will be another Good in Gosforth event for over 50s in the ward.

Residents' Parking meeting 30 September 6.30pm at South Gosforth First School.

Yellow lines have been repainted on Station Road. It was recommended that a list is produced of hotspots and times of parking problems.

There are parking issues particularly footpath obstruction at Tenerife Buildings.

Wagons cause an obstruction on Station Road during peak periods.

Gosforth Terrace and Field Street have a number of loose cobbles.

There are access and congestion problems around Aubrey Cornfoot, Wrights and Steele Bike Shop.