

Hallgarth Residents Association Committee Meeting 09/09/21

PRESENT: Tom Priestley (in the Chair),
Amy Hardy, Lana Grindley, Hania Moiz

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Thornton, Jon Gios, Rebecca Raw, Daniel Rayson, Adam Edwards

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported apologies for absence in respect of Chris Rowley, Franchesca McMinn, Nadia Foster, Linda Foster, Rachael Cadas

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the inaugural meeting held 27/05/21 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Reports

i. Chair

Tom reported on the creation of the website and mailing list for the association. He also reported that the association now has a bank account with dual access for himself and the treasurer and that the association has received a £200 start up grant from SLH. Finally it was reported that we have 14 new subscribers in addition to the 24 existing after the first newsletter was sent out.

ii. Community Police

No new developments were noted from community policing, other than the PCSO Hayley Newman may have moved on.

iii. Past Events

It was agreed by all that the two litter picks organised were a great success and a good start to the community activities of the Association. Lana reported that 40 children were in attendance to the torchlight craft day that happened after her litter pick.

iv. Upcoming Events

The apple pressing is organised with SLOG for 9th October 2021 and volunteers were encouraged to come help out with the pressing and pasteurising of the apples. We are also planning an orchard tour of the SLOG orchards in the estate.

Action - Tom to advertise for this event

v. South Lakes Housing

The main engagement with SLH has been the organising of the £200 grant and refreshments for the other events. South Lakes Housing have asked that we use their logo on promotional material.

vi. Councillors

Before the Meeting the Chair Tom Priestley met with Cllr Peter Thornton to discuss a range of issues. A brief summary of these discussions was provided. The issues were:

- Flooding
- Parking
- Fly Tipping
- Management of Green Spaces
- The Traffic Calming Petition

Peter confirmed that he will address the flooding issue by organising a drop in some time in September or October with Doug Coyle who is the CCC officer in charge of the Low Garth Scheme. Jon mentioned contact with Hazel Belshaw in Kendal Community Emergency Planning Group would be worthwhile.

Discussions were made on the other issues with the conclusion that the best course of action would be to have a 'walkaround' of the estate at **1pm on 13th November 2021** with representatives from SLH, CCC (Cllr Thornton), The District Councillor, the PCSO and residents so that some of the issues can be directly assessed and actioned appropriately. It was mentioned that Cllr Thornton will be meeting with a resident in front of the playground at 1500 on 16/09/21 and RA members were welcome to attend. It was mentioned by Jon that Crimestoppers is ideal for reporting incidents to the police anonymously.

Lana mentioned it would be also worthwhile identifying locations for more bins in the estate to reduce dog fouling and litter in the green areas.

Actions

- Tom to report existing highways issues with photos to Cllr Thornton and advertise the walkaround to residents
- Cllr Thornton to address the missing bollards and missing street sign
- Peter to send on list of local councillors to be added to the mailing list

6. The Petition About the Issue of Speeding in Front of the Playground

Unfortunately with Francesca not present details of this could not be fully discussed. It was agreed that the petition when complete could be received by Cllr Thornton and presented at the Local Committee Meeting. Discussions could then begin as to what action could be taken. Jon mentioned that Kevin Jackson from Cumbria Constabulary may be useful in identifying road traffic collision hotspots.

Action - Tom will fw this information on to Francesca.

7. The Potential to Start a Hallgarth Youth Group

Many discussions where had about this with offers of help from Adam Edwards of Sandylands as well as other contacts such as Graham Basset CC youth work officer. It was noted that Adam and Kendal Youth Zone already have significant funding and equipment such as projectors, music systems, sports equipment and outdoor games equipment and we would be free to work with them and borrow this for our events as needed. Unfortunately the main volunteer for this was Nadia Foster who was not able to make the meeting so this information will need to be passed onto her and her opinion sought on what kinda of group she would like to be involved in. Initially thoughts were that this could be a monthly or bi-monthly activity. The possibility of some funding from the PCC to pay her in a professional capacity was also discussed as well as engagement with Mrs Call the headteacher at St Thomas's School.

Action – Meeting of Nadia, Tom, Lana and Adam to be organised

8. Calendar of Events for Next Year

It was stressed by Tom that the Association needs to plan a calendar of events for next year so that these could be rolled together into one grant funding application to cover the costs for the entire year. This could potentially be a CCC Community Grant or others.

Potential Events discussed included:

- Christmas film screening
- 4 x litter picks spaced throughout the year – *Potential School Involvement*
- Jubilee Street Party
- Gardening around the Community Centre – *Potential for a Cumbria Community Foundation Recovery Grant + help from Morrisons and Homebase*
- Monthly Youth Group
- Apple Pressing
- Torchlight Craft Event
- Late May Bank Holiday Outdoor Music
- Halloween Event, Pumpkin Carving

It was noted that more volunteers would need to be recruited to run these activities. To advertise these events the acquisition of notice boards was discussed as well as the better use of existing notice boards. It was mentioned that Lyn at SLH may be able to help with these. It was also mentioned that a printed copy of the newsletter could be distributed at the food share to promote the Association for those who don't use the internet/Facebook.

Actions

- Tom to assemble these events onto a calendar for the year to ensure they were adequately spaced out and then put together some estimates of funding required. He will then send it around the participants for their thoughts on the best ways to fund and staff them.
- Amy to get in contact with Lyn about notice boards.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be at 19:00 on 25/11/21 at the Hallgarth Community Centre

Action – Tom to book the centre for this date

10. Any Other Business

The idea of bringing the Food Larder under the remit of the Association was discussed, although this would be of benefit and would sync with what waste into well-being are trying to do the Association does not currently have the volunteers or capacity to do this. Hania raised concerns regarding disabled access to the community centre for the Food Larder specifically the step on exit. These were passed on to Amy Hardy as a representative of the Community Centre Committee.