

Kingsway Residents Association - Meeting Minutes - 27-06-08

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Preamble

This meeting was convened to start the process of creating a Residents Association for Kingsway Village. The need for the association came from discussion on the Kingsway Blog and the meeting was to gauge support and elect the basic framework, if possible, to begin developing the association. These minutes are merely a summary of events due to the nature of the meeting and not an in-depth record of all the discussion.

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Robert Hitchin's Offices, Kingsway Business Park

Welcome and Introductions.

Cllr Bryan Claridge welcomed everybody and introduced Cllr Anna Mozel and Barry Kirby. He then went on to explain why the meeting had been convened and that the Parish Council was there to Chair and oversees this meeting in order that fair elections could take place. Approximately 35 residents were in attendance. In the future it was suggested a sign in sheet is used.

Overview

Barry Kirby explained how the meeting had been the result of a desire by some residents to form a Residents association in order to make Kingsway Village a great place to live and not just another estate. With the Village being an effective blank canvass, the residents are in a real position to encourage development in a way that they want. The positions to be elected at the meeting, as a minimum would be Char, Secretary and Treasurer. These are considered the minimum positions required to get the organisation up and running. There would also be consideration of other positions suggested from the floor and elected as appropriate.

Election of Officers

It was proposed from the floor that these positions be for 6 months while the association is forming. This would allow a good review period, especially as not many people knew the people volunteering for the positions. Everybody agreed this was a good idea and thus the elected officers will be in post until December.

- Chairperson – Barry Kirby was Proposed by Pete Maher and seconded Tony Leyland.
 - o A majority vote was passed.
- Secretary – Ian MacLauchlan was proposed by Clive Barton and seconded by Barry Kirby
 - o A majority vote was passed.
- Treasurer – Richard Read was proposed by Carol Cross and seconded by Sarah.
 - o A Majority Vote was passed.

An additional post was suggested by Clive Barton to fulfil the role of conveying information to the internet. Barry Kirby suggested the title of Web Officer

- Web Officer – Proposed by Tony Reeves and seconded by Tony Leyland.
 - o A Majority Vote was passed.

An additional post of Social secretary was suggested and Carol Cross was proposed and seconded. Unfortunately due to disruption within the meeting, a vote was not held therefore Carol was not elected. The Committee will determine how to proceed in this case and report back to the next open meeting.

Date of next meeting

The committee will meet on the 7th July 2008.

The next open community will meet on the 1st August 2008*.

Further Business for Referral

During the meeting a number of points were raised, largely for the Parish Council and for QUVL. Whilst it is expected that the Association would be a vehicle for passing these issues along, it was outside the remit of this meeting to do anything about it as the Association was barely formed. However notes of the issues were taken and will be passed on where applicable. In brief, the issues were:

- Lack of Post Boxes in the Village
- Use of the Bollard and CCTV under the Bridge
- Lack of Quedgley Parish Council Newsletter in Kingsway
- The fencing around the Kingsway Big Park and when the park was to be opened
- The use of yellow lines and their enforcement

It was also discussed about the use of AOB in open meetings. In normal open meetings there is no AOB due to the potential size of the meeting and there being no ability to prepare sufficient responses. All residents will be able to table agenda items before the meeting for discussion. A suggestion from the floor was that the Chairman shall have discretion to allow an extraordinary AOB item. This will be looked into by the committee when it determines what remit it has and what rules and regulations need to be adhered to. The Association committee will spend the period up to the next open meeting outlining the needs of the Association in terms of organisation and how it shall be ran. This will include any legal obligations and also what communications it will have between other organisations such as parish Council, QUVL etc. These shall be presented at the next open meeting for approval.

Post Meeting Note

An email address has been created for email regarding the residents association. This is KingswayRA@Gmail.com and can be used with immediate effect.

* The (next open) meeting date was changed to August 8th 2008, at 7:30pm.