

BROOMHILL ACTION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

OPEN MANAGEMENT MEETING

April 14th 2009 at Broomhill Methodist Church

Present: John Birtwhistle, Beverley Warne, Lee Kenny, Wendy Jenrick, Barbara Hickman, John Potter, Adrian Padfield, Tim Treffry.

Apologies: Alan Wellings, Mark Pickering, Mark Blades.

Minutes of the meeting of March 10th 2009: These were pre-circulated, posted online and approved after amendments to the wording describing the new planning application for 16 Rutland Park. A previous application was *approved* despite objections from BANG, the Girls High School and local residents and the amended submission recently lodged with the planning department is likely to prove more problematic.

Agenda: Several amendments were made to the order of this and future meetings:
Green and Open Spaces – was removed as an item
A regular Licensing Review was added
The Treasurer's Report will be taken before that of the Secretary

Matters Arising from the last Meeting:

The amended Constitution: notes for the AGM are on the Broomhill website. These notes will also be displayed on the public noticeboard in Broomhill. (Alan)
The AGM could also be publicised in the Morning Telegraph.
The Banger could also be used to publicise changes.

Action: Alan to use the noticeboard.

Lee to contact Mark to assess how prepared is the next Banger for publication before the AGM.

Adrian to check the availability of the meeting hall given the amended date for the AGM and ensure this is communicated to all.

The Gazebo in the Broomhill Infants School: John has spoken at length to the main objector who feels there was insufficient consultation.

Action: BANG to keep an open mind on this otherwise uncontroversial issue.

Reservoir Road: Recent newspaper reports indicate that local residents continue to feel very strongly about this development and are concerned about the implications of the alterations to the house and site.

Officers' Reports:

Chair's Report: Nothing outside agenda items.

Treasurer's Report: There is £1077.20 in the current account

There is £1708.80 in the deposit account, earning 48p interest (down from £4.82). These funds are substantial.

30 April will be regarded as the date to sign off the accounts, as membership year runs from the day after the AGM until the day before.

Reports from other groups:

REACT: Issues of noise and student mess were raised at the Community Forum.

Moor Oaks Triangle: John mentioned several spring events: the Friends of Victoria Park are holding a picnic to celebrate the restoration of the park and there is to be a Theatrical Event to raise issues relating to the importance of 45 Marlborough House, the old Suffragette HQ in Sheffield.

Community Forum: John, Lee and Alan attended. Issues raised related to student disorder with Security and Police reports. Police argue that residents of Southbourne Road have exaggerated the noise and disorder, but they did get involved following complaints and the gate into Stephenson Hall is now kept locked with a swipe key needed for access.

There have been no complaints re student behaviour at the Edge but the issue is about student movements through residential streets and general drunkenness.

101 calls can be made until 3 am.

There was a briefing from the Corporate Social Responsibility Group which included community issues. Estates issues noted complaints from residents of Harcourt Road re light pollution.

Tapton Experimental Gardens: Lee's request to consider purchase of part of the site was turned down in a response from the Vice Chancellor and following mention of the issue at CF a further meeting will be held in June.

There was frustration at the failure to achieve positive outcomes following discussion of issues at this Forum.

Construction Interface Group: A meeting at the end of March raised issues of concern to local residents such as light pollution and the addition of blinds to student common rooms. There is to be a further meeting with local residents at the Lawrencefield site to discuss concerns re screening and planting.

A social occasion in mid-April will show residents the plans for the restoration of the field at Endcliffe Crescent after the spoil from Ranmoor is removed for landscaping at the conclusion of the Ranmoor build.

Premier has been chosen to replace Veolia in a new waste disposal contract; is this about cost cutting or improved recycling facilities?

A Residences Travel Plan was presented and will also be on display at the residents meeting. BANG and REACT have asked for improvements to the management of Student Arrivals in September.

The next meeting is in early June.

Broomhill Forum: the next meeting is in May.

Live BANG issues:

Secret garden: Joan Sewell has sent notice to Lee that she took part in a visit to measure the limits of the garden as part of the process of listing the site.

Broomhill District Centre: the new parking regulations are now lodged with Streetforce. Business and shopkeepers have been notified of the limits of permit parking, in force from June. There has been evidence of enforcement of the parking restrictions recently.

Graffiti and refuse: no further action has been noted.

Road Signage: no signs have been removed and new loading information signs have been added. The council nursery have been informed that the large planters are looking neglected.

Action: Issues to be taken to the Area Panel Board and Bev will contact Street Force.

Sheffield Development Strategy: this is now formally adopted after the long consultation.

Broomhill Street Market: Lee has no word from Mark re the site chosen and she will take on the contact for the planning of this event.

There have been several shop closures and opening: Somerfield staff are re-employed as Spar employees, the hairdressing shop is moving around the corner to Fulwood Road, the juice bar takes over from the health food shop and a sandwich shop has taken over the site formerly used by the tattoo parlour.

Library: no further news (but 'on the shelf' according to news reports after this meeting, following failure between council and developers to agree space allocated for books)

Licensing Issues:

The BANG working group is keeping up to date on the council reviews.

Lee, Bev, John and Alan have visited Broomhill in the early hours to look at noise and disruption caused by fast food outlets flouting the licensing laws. They have compiled a mosaic of evidence and will invite Cllr Alan Whitehouse to participate in gathering evidence.

John has attended a Scrutiny Board (the Culture, Economics, Sustainability Scrutiny and Policy Development Board!) meeting to look at conflicts between licensing and planning and there has been acknowledgement of the need for the departments to communicate with each other and end the autonomy.

Police action against illegal trading in Broomhill is planned.

Students attending the Community Forum have given useful information re club venues and opening times and key times seem to be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

New mini market in Broomhill: planning was processed very fast and the circumstances are bizarre. The shop is mostly selling alcohol and BANG will contact councillors to raise the issue of a possible example of maladministration.

Other actions to raise the issues of concern were discussed.

Planning Issues:

Hallam Towers site: no further news of development.

Merlin Estates site on Riverdale Road: still appears mothballed with just one resident.

Publications:

BANGER needs to be rejuvenated. It might be that a draft edition exists.

Action: Lee to pursue.

A.O.B:

Sheffield Sustainable Communities: BANG should send reps to the debate on April 30th at the Town Hall.

AGM: minutes from May 2008 are available. It should be possible to use the AGM for the conduct of ordinary agenda items and run the minutes accordingly.

Active members are needed for BANG with expected changeover of officers.

Wendy Philips and Rosemarie Thomas could be interested.

Broomhill Festival: 10-21 June this year.

The next meeting of the Broomhill Action and Neighbourhood Group is the

Annual general Meeting to
be held at the
Broomhill Methodist Church hall
on the amended date
of May 5th

unless we hear otherwise. This is to avoid a clash with the annual music festival in Sheffield.