

# **BROOMHILL ACTION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

## **Minutes of the Open Management Meeting**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010**

### **Rainbow Room, Broomhill Methodist Church**

**Present:** Adrian Padfield, Wendy Jenrick, Lee Kenny, Ann Watkinson, Barbara Hickman, John Birtwhistle, Ann Jaloba, Hamish and Sheena Ritchie, Joan Hoare, Alan Wellings.

**Apologies:** Beverley

**Minutes from the last meeting:** posted online. Approved with the addition of apologies from Adrian Padfield and the amendment to the number of stalls [down from 700 to 20] from which £700 revenue is expected from the proposed Food Fair

**Matters Arising** and not raised elsewhere on the agenda: none.

**Chair's Report:** agenda items elsewhere.

**Correspondence:** i. Information re "I love Sheffield Day" proposing matched funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation.

ii. Invitation to a consultation re South Yorkshire Transport Strategy to be held on Rockingham Lane 1.45-4.00 pm on 19.02.10.

iii. Information re Sheffield's Big Spring Clean. It was suggested that this be forwarded to the UoS and Stella McHugh.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is £2348.04 in the current account, including £165 recently received in subs. A cheque will be sent to Sheffield Council for the Food Fair.

The amount in the deposit account remains the same.

Online banking will require a plastic card for registration.

**Action:** Adrian and Wendy P will construct a new membership list and bring to the next meeting. There are approx 300 names.

### **Reports from other meetings attended:**

**Meeting with Cllr Paul Scriven:** 31.01.10 with Paul, John and Alan. Paul is very open to suggestions to promote positive community improvements.

Recent planning and licensing difficulties in Broomhill have led to his drawing up a report, 'An Interim Policy for Broomhill' aiming to adopt a holistic view of licensing applications in the area.

Planned meeting between Endcliffe residents and Bob Singh of the Environment Protection Department to visit Fulwood Road /Ranmoor site of many local complaints about excessive student noise has been postponed [now 24.02.10]. Many complaints about noise following the end of exams ball on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Another Carnage event is scheduled for 21.02.10. BANG should check / monitor Broomhill for post carnage litter and damage. The increased pressures of the student drinking culture were deplored.

**Community Assembly:** has not met in the past month.

**Broomhill Forum:** executive committee met on 12.01.10.

**UoS Community Forum:** there has been contact with Pro VC Dominic Shellard thro' Cllr P. Scriven. A meeting in six months time is proposed to consider - a) a new set of criteria for a reformed Community Forum, and b) a model for rel between the UoS and SHU and the communities in their localities.

*Action:* BANG is preparing documents on these issues and Pro VC has promised a response.

**Other meetings:**

8.02.10: Lee, Rebecca Maddox and other community groups reps to develop an action plan for Broomhill. The CA has £10,000 for consultants to help with this; money to be used by end of July. Lee has met with reps from community groups in Ecclesall Road, but their needs are v different from BANG's.

*Action:* R M is writing a brief. Tenders to be invited and contractors, selected in March, will then meet with focus groups and implement dev through Community Assembly.

**Licensing Working Group:** reported later.

**Secret Garden Campaign:** 30 objections posted on planning website so far and can be continued until mid- March when Planning Board meets to consider site's fate. City Planners are still negotiating with developers re affordable housing there. Lee has written to Paul Blomfield (Central constituency's Labour candidate) and is awaiting a response.

UoS Pro VC is not enthusiastic about separating the site and UoS is consulting lawyers about feasibility of this. The revised planning application does respond to the inspector's comments / criticisms of failed application. Lee is arranging a meeting with Roland Bolton but many delays, postponements. Discussion of the management of the open space by a community group / trustees can move forward if the UoS / developers are willing to transfer ownership of the open space, to community or council.

**Pisgah House:** Meeting with Alastair Parkinson and interested local residents took place 31.01.10 but with no movement from UoS Estates Department, which meets in February soon.

*Action:* A P's solicitors will draw up 999 year covenant to create garden for community use – rents to be agreed - and enable BANG to have some guidance on applying for grants. Planners will not need a change of use application for the garden and any change of use for Pisgah House is unlikely to prove difficult.

*Action:* Lee will write to Neil Cameron of the UoS Estates Dept to get a report on progress made by UoS in considering BANG's proposal.

**Planning Applications:** Article 4 is operational in Broomhill Conservation Area.

*Ashdell Road / Ashgate Road:* garage.

*Rooms above Vittles:* 17 student rooms proposed. BANG has no objection.

*Richer Sounds:* owners want to retain illuminated signs. Generally BANG has no objection but some individuals will be objecting.

**HMOs:** 27.01.10: new govt policy announced which requires new definition of what constitutes an HMO and which will grant councils more powers to intervene at planning stage if large houses are bought by developers for conversion to student occupation. This could mean an end to unrestricted studentification.

**Licensing Issues:** The Broomhill Friery is applying to extend opening hours until 6 .00 am! John has attended meetings re the Sheffield Alcohol Strategy with the Health Authority, Social Services, other NAGs and outside consultants and has raised BANG's concerns about the impact of the drinking culture within this area. Issues discussed are the effect of education, a regulatory

framework and its enforcement, hours of opening and how drink is sold, and the sales to underage children. The city is committed to a 24/7 economy but hasn't got the services to accompany this – ie to deal with litter, hospitalisation of drunks, Samaritans- nor is there a city wide police officer dealing with the fall out. John is seeking to achieve acceptance that the drinking culture is driven by the policies of the universities in promoting Sheffield as the socially vibrant place to be. Steve Lonnia, Licensing Officer, is prosecuting premises acting illegally and this has resulted in a plethora of new applications to extend hours. The Pizza Padrino did not put up notices so their application is postponed to 2.3.10. There is much indignation that the govt inspector allowed the Northern Sole to extend hours after trading illegally for so many years.

These developments will need more vigorous enforcement with increased policing, parking regulations, litter restrictions and CCTV to aid safety.

*Action:* BANG should continue to try to reduce development of fast food outlets in this area.

**Food Fair: 05.06.10 :** Lee and Ericka met with A+ English at the Mount. We can use the lawn for the band and picnics and we are asking for support in use of water from the standpipe, electricity for the sound system and the underground car park. A+ English have been v helpful and will open the building for people to tour. Eva has visited on behalf of the Festival Committee. A+ is seeking local families to host language students who study there.

Implementation plans for the Food Fair are being drawn up. The application to hold a market has gone to the council. There is much interest and co-ordination with the Broomhill Festival Committee can be improved.

*Action:* Alan will look at the website and clarify details to iron out any lingering issues with the committee. We will look at how best to promote the Food Fair in the Festival brochure and determine the costs of copy for publicity.

**New Broomhill Library:** a larger ground floor area is agreed.

**Banger and Communications:** A spring issue is under way.

**AGM:** to be brought forward to April – 13.04.10

The next meeting of the

**Broomhill Action and Management Group will be held on**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**

**In the Rainbow Room at the Broomhill Methodist Church**