

BROOMHILL ACTION NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Minutes of Committee held on Tuesday 13th December 2011 at Broomhill Methodist Church

Present Edwin Self, Lee Kenny, Alan Wellings, Paul Sanderson, Ann Watkinson, Rebecca Cooke, Megan Coliffe, Megan Smith. Ann Watkinson agreed to act as Chair for the meeting.

1. Confirmation of the Agenda

Confirmed.

2. Introductions and Apologies. Apologies were received from Wendy Phillips, Wendy Jenrick, Freya Harris, Barbara Hickmann, Simon Clements.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2011

3.1 Correction to item 3.2: Broomhill Councillors (not the council) had agreed to regular local tours. With this correction the minutes were agreed as a correct record

3.2 Matters Arising:

- ❖ Secretary had not yet contacting Parking about the updates to machines but would do so.
- ❖ Secretary attended the library meeting and reported back on the range of options that were discussed. The meeting agreed that options involving the loss of the scout hut could not be supported by BANG..
- ❖ Secretary had lodged objections to the planning application for the FABLE building.
- ❖ Secretary had raised the issue of bins on the pavements at her meeting with Shaffaq Mohammed (see item 4.1)
- ❖ Secretary had invited all members to participate in the debate on the future of BANG (see item 5).
- ❖ Secretary had started to extract relevant planning applications from the weekly list and to place them, with hyperlinks, on the 'planning' page of the Broomhill Online website.

4. Officers' Reports

4.1 Secretary

Lee reported that she had met with Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed and had discussed issues that residents had raised with her about obstructions on the pavements, particularly bins and leaves. Cllr Mohammed was not sure whether the 'Good Neighbours' team were still operating, but he said that if they were he would ask them to give attention to this issue. Since that meeting there had been some enforcement activity, however the Streetforce enforcement officer who had talked to local residents said that in many cases there was nowhere to place bins, other than on the pavement. The opinion of the meeting was that this was an unacceptable response. It was proposed that the student journalists present at the meeting might like to take this issue up as a piece of investigative journalism. A useful discussion of how to tackle the work followed. Other ideas for investigative work, for example on illegal letting boards were also discussed.

Action: Secretary to pass on relevant contact information to the students and to follow up on progress.

Secretary had received a letter from the proprietor of The York, seeking a meeting to discuss their wish to extend their opening hours, and the next steps they might take following the recent refusal of planning approval for later opening. After discussion of the wisdom of accepting such a meeting invitation (there was a range of views expressed, with no clear consensus) it was decided that the Secretary should agree to meet but only for an exchange of views, and on condition that the fact of the meeting taking place should not be cited to support a later application. The input of John Birtwhistle would be needed to ensure that the meeting was fully informed by his work on BANG's behalf on planning and licensing issues.

Action: Lee to contact The York to set out conditions, to contact John Birtwhistle and to contact the council to clarify the planning and licensing restrictions on all Broomhill pubs.

4.2 **Treasurer** Not present

5. **Manifesto Topic Discussion**

The topic was: Consulting the membership on the future of BANG. The proposition before the meeting was that a 'Future of BANG' working group should be formally set up to consider the issues and to put proposals for changing how BANG operates to the membership.

If these proposals involve changes to the BANG constitution, then under the present constitution the proposed changes must be notified to members at least 21 days in advance of the AGM, and must be put to a vote at the AGM. A majority of 2/3 members present is needed to approve changes to the constitution.

With the AGM planned for April this sets the timetable for the WG's activities. The meeting decided that Lee should chair the WG and invite others to join; she would in the first instance contact those who had already responded on the topic and invite them to meet as a WG before the next monthly committee meeting. As the work progressed, the WG would remain open for any other interested parties to participate. Several of those present at the meeting expressed an interest in joining the WG.

Action: Secretary to contact those willing to join the WG initially and to arrange a first meeting before the January open committee meeting. The WG would report back to that meeting.

6. **Any Other Business**

None. Those present thanked the student journalists for their lively contribution to the meeting and encouraged them to come again.

7. **Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 10th January 2012.