

ADEL CRAG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00PM AT ADEL ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL, LONG CAUSEWAY, ADEL

Present: Francis Garbutt (Chair) and Tenants & Residents.

Guests: Cllr Barry Anderson, Richard Britten, Stephen Towler (Tenant Involvement Officer), Francesca Taylor, Neighbourhood Estate Manager, PCSO's Neil Hickman and Lynsey Gallimore.

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Francis Garbutt welcomed the guests to the General Meeting and introduced the agenda items.
- 1.2 Apologies received from Richard Marshall, Neighbourhood Housing Manager.

2.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007

- 2.1 These were accepted as a true record.

3.0 Chair's Report

- 3.1 The Chair gave an interesting and informative report of events and achievements of the year and made comments about some of the issues that would not have been achieved without full support from the residents and thanked all those who had helped. He went on to say that the Free Trip to Bridlington organised by the association which gave the children and adults some joy and an opportunity to bring back a community spirit was a fabulous day out and wish to thank all those involved for making it possible. In addition, both Chair's from the Adel Association and Adel Crag recently met to establish the differences of both associations due to confusion received from some residents. The result was both associations are completely different that Adel Crag Community Association covers certain parts of Adel on a day-to-day for the tenants, residents, and Adel Association deal with similar issues but covering planning for all of Adel. Both Chair's felt that it would be beneficial if we jointly work together on wider issues for all of Adel area should the need arise and both agreed.
- 3.2 Four newsletters were sent out to the tenants and residents during the year.
- 3.3 The Chair thanked all the Committee members for their support, help during the year, and wished to thank Maureen Lye, June Bricklebank, and Edward Buckley for their help with the distribution of the newsletters and Christina Ball for her help in obtaining signatures for a petition, PCSO Neil Hickman for his dedication whilst patrolling our area. The Chair went on to thank Cllr Barry Anderson, Francesca Taylor who has worked extremely hard for the area, the Environmental Team for their support throughout the year, Stephen Towler for auditing our accounts and general support and LTF for the grant towards the trip and for providing copies of the newsletters throughout the year.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Francis Garbutt presented the financial report, which was approved by the members.

5.0 Election of Members of the Committee

- 5.1 The Chair announced that your Committee would now stand down as required by the Constitution. Stephen Towler then took over the Chair in order to carry out the election of the Officers and Committee for 2008/09.

- 5.2 The following were elected: Officers:
Chair - Francis G Garbutt;
Treasurer – June Bricklebank.

- 5.3 Committee members were Christina Ball, Edward Buckley, Beryl Gartside and Maureen Lye.

6.0 Streetscene – Refuse and Recycle Issues

- 6.1 Cllr Barry Anderson pointed out that there is a problem across the City of Leeds, he is aware of the issues of concern the local residents have, and he is to meet with Streetscene to discuss the matter of the standard of service.

7.0 Grass Cutting and Shrubberies

- 7.1 Richard Britten gave an interesting and informative report on the service level due to recent complaints received from the local residents. He went on to say although the standards have not been so good he expected a much better improved service for the near future. Cllr Barry Anderson asked Richard Britton what is being done about monitoring and was answered.

8.0 Community Garden Update

- 8.1 Francis Garbutt gave a brief update of the proposed Community Garden on the spare ground opposite the junction of Wayland Approach/Croft to open up the area to play boules and possibly some play facilities for young children. The Committee met with Barrie Hopson and Barry Cook representing Adel Association in July although the Committee felt it would be a good idea but had concerns about safety, security, road safety, car parking and the need for some children's play facilities. Dr Barrie Hopson apologised on behalf of Barry Cook who is leading the project for not being here tonight and then gave a full detailed update on the proposed Community Garden. Some of the items mentioned were the area would be made secure and fenced off to include a low maintenance garden with low tables and chairs, facilities for children and boules pitch. He then went onto say that they are still waiting for some answers from other agencies but it is hoped that, a public consultation is to be arranged in due course.

9.0 Youth Provisions Project Update

- 9.1 Francis Garbutt gave a brief update although everyone on the team is working extremely hard on this project there are some issues with planning and it has not been decided where the play facilities in Adel are going to be but it has been suggested to be situated at Adel St John the Baptist School. There is to be another meeting on Friday 17 October at Ralph Thoresby High School. Cllr Barry Anderson then gave a more detailed plan and issues of concern of the proposal.

10.0 Police Issues

- 10.1 Francis Garbutt received correspondence from Dr Barrie Hopson relating to Safer Leeds – Face the People Event. This is an excellent opportunity to meet

with senior staff from both West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council, to examine the issues that are of concern to people living in Adel. This has not happened before and is the result of an initiative by Cllr Les Carter, who has council responsibility for community safety. The Chair then continued to read on. The meeting is to take place at Adel Association meeting, Thursday 20 November, 7.30pm at The Stables, Back Church Lane, Adel.

- 10.2 PCSO Neil Hickman gave an update of events and issues relating to our local area.

11.0 Highways and Street Lighting

- 11.1 A resident raised an issue with regard to a bin to be situated at the side of the bottle bank, Sir George Martin Drive. Cllr Barry Anderson confirmed he would look into the matter.
- 11.2 The Chair read out an update received from LCC for a previous request for some raised kerbs on our bus route. In brief they are about to produce a report to their highway board for approval, which will include two stops. They can then produce a more detailed programme. It is hoped the consultations will take place this financial year with works being completed early in the next financial year.

12.0 Website and Forum Update

- 12.1 The Chair, gave an update of our website changes, as our current software provider from mid December 2008 will no longer support the current community website software due to age. We are to be offered alternative software, which will be made available during early November but would be able to retain our existing URL (website address).
- 12.2 The Chair reported that the we are still getting 75 to 100 hits per week
- 12.3 The Chair mentioned the Community Forum, which is new to our website and has now 8 registered users online. The topics are becoming very interesting – even Cllr Barry Anderson is on one of the topics.

13.0 Raffle

- 13.1 Susan Johnson and Lynda Garbutt both donated the raffle prizes. All proceeds towards the Adel Crag Community Association.

14.0 WNWHL Issues

- 14.2 A resident raised an issue with regard to kitchens and bathrooms being replaced. Francesca Taylor reported that the target is to be replaced by 2010 but will only if the existing ones do not meet decency.
- 14.3 Francesca Taylor announced due to the boundary changes she will longer be responsible for this area and Horsforth branch would be responsible as from November. The Chair commented that many local residents would miss Francesca Taylor as she has done an excellent job for our area.

- 15.0 The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm