

# **Lenton Drives & Neighbours Residents' Association**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **9th November 2017**

#### **Attending:**

Kate Lowenthal (Chair of Association) [KL]  
Melany Pemberton (Chair of Meetings)  
Virginia Rochester (Secretary)  
Members of the Association

#### **Apologies:**

Martin Kinsella (Treasurer)

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### **Item 1: Report of activities in last year**

KL discussed the group's activities and achievements in the last year, and where different initiatives had taken place due to our campaigning and pressure:

- We have recruited around 100 members
- We lobbied for removing the 'Nottingham Welcome Students' banners in autumn 2016, and worked closely with the Nottingham City Council communications team, with new banners welcoming people to a visually diverse community going up instead in autumn 2017.
- The Community Trigger meetings started in autumn 2016 - initiated by complaints about anti-social behaviour and pressure from our group - leading to all decision makers in all agencies meeting together to discuss and work towards solutions to the issues in our area.
- The responses to 101 calls have become better and more consistent.
- A letter from the University of Nottingham Vice-Chancellor and President of the Students Union was sent to their students at the end of last academic year, warning about behaviour - this is first time this has been done.
- There has been the first big financial contribution towards Community Protection from the University of Nottingham - £30,000 in autumn 2017.
- There has been a massive improvement of partnership working between the Community Protection Team and HMO Licensing Team.
- Residents within the group have been objecting to planning applications because they are more aware of what applications have been submitted.
- Operation Corridor has been taking place where Community Protection have been involved in the engagement and education of students in our area.
- Alcohol confiscations have been carried out, with a decrease in street drinking (but still a lot of cans and broken glass on residential streets).
- New banners have been put up on Derby Road regarding street drinking.
- We now can collect a record of incidents on our website which are fed back to partners.
- There was an amazing turn out of local residents for the street party event with lots of positive feedback. Some students did turn up and many went up the climbing wall.
- This autumn there has been media coverage of the issues in our area - not necessarily all positive, but raising the problems.
- A letter from council was sent out to many properties in the area, threatening action for inappropriate parties or anti-social behaviour.
- Quieter streets at night.

- In summer 2017, the group web site was launched - set up by Darren Stewart and Jonathan Wickens

Question: What is happening about the Community Trigger meetings?

Answer: The formal Trigger meetings are stopping but there will something to replace it involving all partners working together in the area.

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## **Item 2: Update on income and spending in last year**

As the Treasurer was unable to be at the meeting, the Secretary gave the following report:

We officially had zero income and zero expenditure, as the treasurer, although trying several times, had not yet been able to set up a bank account. There were grant monies donated for the Street Party, but all of this had to be done through the DOLCA bank account (sincere thanks to Lesley Fyffe for organising this).

As a matter of urgency we need to set up a bank account for things like the hiring of rooms for meetings, as this is currently being funded by members of the committee.

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## **Item 3: Appointing the committee for the next year**

- Kate Lowenthal was nominated as Chair of the Association. as no one else was standing for this position, she was duly confirmed in post.
- Melany Pemberton was nominated as Chair of Meetings: as no one else was standing for this position, she was duly confirmed in post.
- Virginia Rochester was nominated as Secretary: as no one else was standing for this position, she was duly confirmed in post.
- Sarah Piper was nominated as Treasurer: as no one else was standing for this position, she was duly confirmed in post.
- David Lanes was nominated as committee member for HMO & Planning: as no one else was standing for this position, he was duly confirmed in post.
- Nick Bayton was nominated as committee member for Social Media: as no one else was standing for this position, he was duly confirmed in post.

The idea and principle to have a student representative on the committee was raised and discussed amongst the members present at the meeting.

It was agreed that there should be a student representative position on the committee. KL mentioned that there was someone interested in this position, and it was agreed that the committee could co-opt this person onto the committee in this role.

Martin Kinsella was publicly thanked for his time as treasurer during the formative period of the association.

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**Item 4: Any other business**

Members suggested that we get some money together to open a bank account as soon as possible. It was decided not to charge a membership fee but donations can be made to Sarah Piper as treasurer.

Police news about the stabbing on Albert Grove on 1st Nov: 2 men have been charged and the victim is still in a serious condition in QMC.

It was asked that we send a formal letter of thanks to Martin Poole and Aran Hennessey.

KL suggested a social before Christmas