

PCA General Committee Meeting

Friday 29 April 2016, 6.30pm, 14 York Villas

Present: Marek Kohn (Chair), Alison Whiteoak (Treasurer), Jannet King (Sec), Iain Chambers (representing Exeter Street Hall), Revd Martin Poole (representing St Luke's), Cllr Julie Cattell

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Kevin Allen, Cllr Leo Littman

2. Minutes of last meeting – approved

3. Matters arising

Welcome Pack – JK has made a start. MP to forward info of St Luke's events.

Iain suggested a postcard that could be dropped through the doors of houses that had obviously changed hands, with useful links, including Exeter Street Hall as well as PCA. Maybe ask Joe's to sponsor it.

4. Money

FoDRP:	£177.53
Community Garden:	£131.44
Film Club:	£0.38
PCA:	£606.52
Total:	£915.87

5. FDRP

We are having our first 'open meeting' for over a year on 3 May.

Our Park Ranger has changed as a result of reallocation, so we now have Garry Meyer again.

We have a new noticeboard, due to be installed at the Tesco end of the park on 9 May. This will be used for advertising PCA and FoDRP events, and for the BOAT and other park enterprises.

IC mentioned that the fence between FotF and Dyke Road Park has been broken down.

Film Club, currently held at Café in the Park. IC mentioned that the backroom at Hall, has a DVD player for screenings. JC suggested films on a Jewish theme to tie in with celebrations of 250 years of Jewish worship in Brighton. JC will let AW know.

6. Prestonville Friend

An issue has been successfully published by St Luke's and delivered to all homes in Prestonville.

7. Date and venue of next meeting after AGM

JK to do a Doodle poll to find a date in September for the new committee to meet.

8. Committee membership

Marek confirmed that he would be standing down as Chair and from the committee.

We all need to think about people we could nominate for the committee.

Martin Poole agreed to be the next Chair.

IC to ask at next Hall action group how they would feel about the PCA being chaired by the vicar.

9. Arrangements for event on Sunday 5 June

Gabrielle, of 14 Exeter Street, has offered to organise the lunch. IC reckons that because they have had a street closure before there will be no problem with closing the street. Gabrielle fooney@gmail.com

IC will email her with all the ideas we have discussed (incl. possible relocation to the Church in the event of bad weather.

Food will be prepared by Real Junk Food Project, with people invited to make a donation.

We thought that it would be good if people brought along European desserts. [Include on poster]

PCA AGM - need to time it so that we catch people just after they have finished at, say, 3.00pm. We will draw them into the Hall by holding a raffle, to be drawn then.

Nominations and elections to new committee - MK and JK to email round inviting people to volunteer.

Euro-theme. Cards with 'conversation openers/prompts' on them asking questions such as: Do you feel European? Which other European country do you feel closest to? The group can write down some ideas and take them into the Hall and pin them on a board.

Euro-themed Quiz sheet to be handed in by 3.00pm.

Raffle in aid of the Homeless charity Antifreeze, which has a drop-in off Portland Road.

MP says he'll ask Richer Sounds.

AW will ask the Co-op

IC will ask Charlie in the Chimney House

IC will ask Prestonville for meal voucher

JK will buy new Raffle Tickets books

If weather is bad, we might have to redirect them to the Hall. IC to discuss with Gabrielle.

Poster - MK and JK to come up with wording, making it clear that it's a PCA instigated event.

IC to ask the Hall Comms team if they can design the poster.

10. Old Shoreham Road billboard

MK thanked JC for eventually getting to the bottom of the fact the Council does own the land on which the billboard has been erected and for confirming that it will be taken down and the wood recycled.

11. AOB

JC asked if wanted a Local Action Team over our side of the town. The three Councillors are thinking of setting one up in the Preston Park area.

JK to email Julie Cattell to ask whether the cycle lane on Dyke Road is still on the cards.

IC pointed out that quite a few commercial properties in Prestonville are becoming empty, including two on Upper Hamilton Road, and the Plumbers' Merchants on the corner by the bridge.

Back in 2009 MK encouraged Paul Zara to draw up a proposal for a shared space at the junction of Upper Hamilton/Buxton/Exeter Street. IC thought this was a good time to re-present the ideas to the community and to discuss it in terms of the impact on the community. MK got the plans out and all were impressed by them. IC took one of the sheets to show to the new Hall Action Committee. JK suggested that a display at the AGM might be a good way of sounding out the level of interest in the community.

Next meeting - week or 10 days time. JK to put out a Doodle.