

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Ex Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2023

Members Present: Charles Runcie (CR) Margaret Brett (MB), Kyle Ford (KF), Ann Kerr (AK), Rod Lewington (RL), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Ameet Phadnis (AP), Serena Potter (SP), Ian Shaw (IS), Clive Williams (CW).

	Update on actions from previous Ex Comm meetings	Owner(s)	Status
1	Engage more with Street Reps to: (i) discuss possible audits of Grid streets' health and other matters e.g. missing street signs etc; (ii) agree a street rep remit to upload on website	CR & Ex Comm	Pending (now 2024)
2	Focus on ensuring increased dog signs in the grid	SP	Open
3	Arrange City Hall trip around New Year/Spring 2024	CR	Open
4	Plan and prepare for 2025 calendar to celebrate 50 years of SGRA's existence	AK/CR/AO-M	Pending to 2024
5	Investigate reasoning/impact of 7am-7pm bus lane restriction	IS	Closed
6	Quality check the new SGRA website	CR	Open
7	Consider gender balance of Ex Comm (see 'B' below)	Ex Comm	Open
8	Members to decide which Ex Comm activity to lead on/buddy up	Ex Comm	Closed
9	Set up a Working Group to update SGRA's Constitution	IS	Closed
	Actions arising from 31 October Ex Comm meeting	Owner(s)	Item no.
A	Check if Chris Puleston willing to carry out , ex officio, Treasurer duties until a successor has been found	CR	1
B	Publish a statement on commitment to equal opportunities	Ex Comm	1
C	Plan a pre-Christmas social gathering for Ex Comm & Street Reps	Ex Comm	2
D	Submit an objection to AELTC Planning Application 2021/3609	CR	3
E	Draft of revised Constitution to be discussed at Ex Comm 9/1/24	IS	5

1. Matters affecting the Ex Comm

- AP said as he was starting a new job, he would not be able to take up the Treasurer role. CR would see if Chris P could continue as Treasurer (ex officio) until a successor was found.
- The Ex Comm agreed it would soon issue a statement confirming its strong commitment to equal opportunities on grounds of age, gender, transgender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation to ensure it was as representative of the residents on the grid as possible.
- Ex Comm agreed to pay outstanding payments (£600) for the hire/use of the St Barnabas' Hall between 1 June 2022 and 31 May 2023 and to opt for a set evening rate for future hirings. Ex Comm also agreed to pay £100 towards the hire costs for the Safer Neighbour Teams Ward Panel meetings in the Parish room for 2023.
- AO-M to lead in organising the 2024 Seniors Tea Party (date to be confirmed).

2. Minutes & Matters arising from previous Ex Comm meetings (see above)

- Action 1: amalgamated from earlier Ex Comm actions. Action to take place early 2024.
- Actions 2&5: Guy Humphries updated at Public Meeting on 26 Sept.
- Action 6: action to follow – see agenda item 7 below
- Action 7: see second bullet (agenda item 1 above)
- Action 8: buddying system in place and for Constitution Working Group see item 6.

3. AELTC developments proposals – SGRA's survey results & next steps

Conducted 17-26th October, SGRA's survey was emailed to 495 people on the database. Each was asked if they supported or opposed the current proposals, were unsure, or were unconcerned. Votes cast were Support – **51**, Oppose – **135**, Unsure – **16** and Unconcerned – **6**. A vote base of 208 was agreed to be very good return for the Survey. Ex Comm unanimously agreed that the SGRA Chair submit a letter of objection to the planning application 2021/3609 to Wandsworth Council's Planning Application Committee by the end of the week. Copies of that letter and Survey results would be uploaded onto SGRA's website and emailed to those on SGRA's database. It was also agreed that the Exec Comm would ensure that all SGRA residents continued to have access to all the information on this and other important issues.

4. Subjects and speakers for Public Meeting (28 November 2023)

The results of SGRA's survey would be on the agenda. Leonie Cooper (Assembly member) had agreed to give an update on London Assembly issues after 8.30pm – she may also want feedback on ULEZ. Depending on availability, there may be an update re the revised business forum from Juanita Stanuel-Taitte.

5. Ex Comm and Public Meetings in 2024

As agreed by Ex Comm, the dates for Ex Comm and Public Meetings in 2024, will be as follows.

2024 Ex Comm dates	2024 Public Meeting dates
9 Jan	30 Jan
27 Feb	26 Mar
30 April	21 May (AGM)
25 June	23 July
3 Sept	24 Sept
29 Oct	26 Nov

6. SGRA Constitution Working Group

MB, AO-M, and IS met on 17 October and agreed those parts of the current Constitution which should be revised with the aim of making the whole document 'fit for purpose' – in particular. objectives, membership, Ex Comm and officers. A revised version would be considered at Ex Comm on 9 January. The AGM in May would need to approve any changes.

7. Update on new website www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk

CR confirmed that he would be quality-checking the website to see if further changes were necessary and also identifying any admin changes that would need to be carried out.

8. Membership database

SP reported that there were now 533 on the database. Some of these were as a result of her knocking on doors in Revelstoke Road. SP also found two Street Representatives (a couple) for Revelstoke Road.

9. Front Garden Awards 2024

AO-M confirmed that these would go ahead (date to be confirmed) and an advert for judges (2 per Street) would be issued in January. Proposals to increase the first prize from £35 to £40 and to hold a children's poster competition to advertise the awards were agreed.

10. 2023 Christmas Appeal

It was agreed that the Christmas appeal would be Socks for HMP Wandsworth Appeal.

11. Ongoing updates:

Communication – Charles Runcie

- Next Grid newsletter being prepared for issue mid-to-late November.

Planning – Margaret Brett

- Merton approved AELTC's application on 26 October. Wandsworth are expected to consider 2021/3609 at the 21 November Planning Applications Committee meeting but the agenda has not yet been posted on the website. The application should then go to the GLA.
- SGRA objected to the development at the bottom of Pirbright Road (96C) 2023/1482 but the application has been withdrawn. As it seems that enforcement action has been taken against the development, the position will be monitored.

Public Realm – Margaret Brett

The seating at the station has finally been installed. No trace yet of the water fountain.

Local issues – Margaret Brett

- Penwith Road has re-opened.
- Carter Jonas, another estate agency, is going into the Douglas and Gordon site.
- The DIY shop in Lavenham Road is going to be used for dog grooming.
- Dropshot are taking over DeRosier in Revelstoke Road.
- The new Library in Wandsworth Town Centre is about to be opened.

Crime – Clive Williams: Please see Annex A for Aug 2023 figures.

Friends of Coronation Gardens – Charles Runcie:

- Partly quiet – current activity is the Gardening Club which at weekends in Autumn is weeding and planting bulbs.
- More medium to long term, FoCG and Putney School of Art & Design working together on the competition for a figurine design to feature on the fountain.

12. AOB

- Heritage transport sign update: work is ongoing and funds of £19-20K being sought.

Dates of next meetings & events

Forthcoming Meetings

- Public Meeting: **28 November**, 7.45-9pm, St Barnabas Church, hybrid

Forthcoming events

- Booksigning: Ivy Ngeow – 'The American Boyfriend' **18 November**, 11.30am to 12.30pm Southfields Library
- Christmas Fair: **25 November** 12 to 3pm at St Barnabas Church
- 'Sustainable Christmas Wreath Making:' **6 December** 7.30 to 9pm at the Pig & Whistle
- Southfields Christmas Lights Switch-On: **6 December**, timing tbc, Replingham Road
- Southfields SNT Ward Panel Meeting: **20 January**, 10.30am, St Barnabas Church

Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road

Aug 2023

Aug 2023	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage & Arson	Drugs	Other Crime	Other Theft	Public Order & Weapons	Robbery	Shoplifting	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Sexual Offences	Total
Replingham Road	3	2										5
Brookwood Road		1										1
Lavenham Road	1											1
Revelstoke Road												0
Elsenham Street											1	1
Heythorp Street	1	3									1	5
Clonmore Street		1								1		2
Engadine Street		1										1
Elborough Street	1											1
Trentham Street												0
Astonville Street						1						1
Hanford Close	1					1						2
Pirbright Road												0
Merton Road						1						1
Total	7	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	21



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in Aug 2023: 64 [including SGRA: 21]

Other Crime: Other Theft (1) – Merton Road Bicycle Theft (1)
+Off-Grid: Southfields LU Station (British Transport Police) (5)

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (0)
 (LB of W) West Hill (0): (LB of M) Village (0): Wimbledon Park (0).

[Information extracted from the Crime Maps for Southfields Ward from www.police.uk]