

## Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Ex Comm)

### **Note of meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024**

**Members Present:** Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M) - Chair, David Boyle (DB), Margaret Brett (MB), Kyle Forder (KF), Ann Kerr (AK), Rod Lewington (RL), Ameet Phadnis (AP), Ian Shaw (IS), Clive Williams (CW).

**Apologies from:** Charles Runcie (CR), Serena Potter (SP).

	<b>Update on actions from previous Ex Comm meetings</b>	<b>Owner(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Engage more with Street Reps	Ex Comm	Open
2	Focus on ensuring increased dog mess signs in the grid	SP	Open
3	Plan and prepare for 2025 calendar to celebrate 50 years of SGRA's existence (post AGM)	All	Open
4	Quality check the new SGRA website	CR	Open
5	2024 Seniors' Tea Party to be on 11 May	AO-M	Open
6	Pavement Audit form to be drafted and cc'd to Street Reps	IS	Open
	<b>Actions arising from 30 April Ex Comm meeting</b>	<b>Owner(s)</b>	
A	Member of Ex Comm to lead in liaising with Street Reps (post AGM)	All	
B	Details of Senior's Tea Party to be uploaded onto website	IS	
C	Ex Comm members wishing to stand down to inform IS by 5pm 6 May	All	
D	IS to email Ex Comm re nominations procedure by 5pm 7 May	IS	

#### **1. Minutes & Matters arising from 27 Feb & previous Ex Comm meetings, 26 March Public Meeting**

- Action 1: This has become more generic, i.e. less focussed. It was agreed that: (i) an Ex Comm member should lead in liaising with Street Reps; (ii) a member of the Street Reps should be co-opted to attend Ex Comm meetings.
- Action 3: Wandsworth Older People's Forum is collecting members' childhood memories of when they first came to Wandsworth. AO-M suggested that SGRA could do something similar for 2025.
- Action 6: see item 7 below.
- GLA Hustings 16 April: These was agreed to have gone well and the candidates thought so as well.

#### **2. Planning for AGM on 21 May 2024**

- IS outlined the process for nominating SGRA Officers and Ex Comm members. He asked that those expecting or wishing to stand-down, to let him know by **5pm 6 May**. On 7 May, IS would commission Ex Comm members to nominate people for Officer and Ex Comm positions (deadline **7pm 14 May**). IS confirmed that SGRA members had already been emailed on the nominations process. Fleur Anderson, Rachel Roberts, and Suzy Levy had been invited to be guest speakers.

#### **3. Update on revised SGRA Constitution**

- The revised constitution was uploaded onto the SGRA website within the 28 day deadline. This would be put forward for approval at the AGM. A recent addition had been a greater recognition of the significant role of the Street Representative.

#### **4. Update on Seniors' Tea Party – 11 May – St Barnabas Church**

- Although a budget has not yet been agreed, as in the past, expenditure could be in the region of £800. Posters were to be put up as soon as possible this week so ensure that people are aware. Members of Exec Comm were reminded if they could offer prizes for the raffle.

#### **5. Front Garden Awards 2024 – 21 to 30 June**

- The judges have been chosen and criteria for judging front gardens has been issued. Gerard Sebastian will design the posters. An article uploaded onto the SGRA website nearer the time.

## 6. Southfields Business Forum (SBF)

Discussion focussed on Ex Comms agreement, by email, to a £500 contribution to SBF. Some of the money would provide for pots & plants. Future focus will be the Wimbledon Championships and how the tourists can be made aware of what Southfields has to offer in terms of retail/catering outlets.

## 7. SGRA pavement survey

- Apart from waiting for one street return, IS was ready to send the figures to Wandsworth Borough Council with an acknowledgement that the Council were beginning to improve pavements in the Grid.

## 8. Litter-picking initiatives in the Grid (note from Serena Potter)

- Suzy Levy was not looking for funds. However, perhaps Ex Comm could earmark @ £50-£60 to offer them in the future to support their activities, as well continued publicity via the Grid newsletters.

## 9. Ongoing updates:

### *Communication*

- The Spring newsletter looked good. It was also agreed that articles written by third parties would be attributable in terms of the organisation they are representing and in what position. Also, it was agreed that any polls/surveys by/for the SGRA should be agreed by the Exec Comm and Chair before being shared.

### *Planning – Margaret Brett*

- There are new applications to develop 75, 77, 79 Replingham. (2024/0761 and 2024/0789). The developers have scaled back the size at the rear.
- The application for a new shopfront for a cafe next to Gail's (2024/0262) has been approved.
- There is a renewed application for the structure at 96C Pirbright (2024/0553), but the details are still not available.
- The application for retrospective permission for wall at 69 Lavenham (2023/4417) has been refused.
- Neighbours are concerned about the proposed basement development at 45 Elsenham. (2024/0583)

### *Public Realm – Margaret Brett*

- The block seating at the station still needs to be finished off.

### *Local – Margaret Brett*

- No further news about the public hearing for AELTC but it should be held in July or September. The Save Wimbledon Park group have leafleted the Grid to encourage comment to the GLA.
- Brookwood Road is being repaved.

*Crime – Clive Williams:* Figures for year to date will be uploaded soon.

*Finance – David Boyle:* Funds = £4,327 – awaiting income from advertising - approx. £1,345.

## 10. AOB

- MB alerted Ex Comm re electric car charging points where some scammers could cover the QR code with a fake one and read peoples' mobile phones.

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## Dates of next meetings & events

### Forthcoming Meetings

- SGRA AGM/Public Meeting **21 May**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church
- SGRA Executive Meeting **18 June**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

### Forthcoming events

- Senior's Tea Party: **11 May**, 3-5.30pm, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Cuppa with a Copper, **16 May**, 1-2pm, Café Nero, Wimbledon Park Road
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe **15 June**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church Hall