

Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Ex Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2024

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

Apologies from: Ameet Phadnis, David Boyle, Rod Lewington

	Update on actions from previous Ex Comm meetings	Owner(s)	Status
1	Engage more with Street Reps	Ex Comm	Open
2	Focus on ensuring increased dog mess signs in the grid	SP	Open
3	Plan/prepare for 2025 calendar to celebrate SGRA's 50 years existence	All	Open
4	Quality check the new SGRA website	CR	Open
5	2024 Seniors' Tea Party to be on 11 May	AO-M	Completed
6	Pavement Audit form to be drafted and cc'd to Street Reps	IS	Completed
7	Member of Ex Comm to lead in liaising with Street Reps (post AGM)	All	Open
8	Details of Senior's Tea Party to be uploaded onto website	IS	Completed
9	Ex Comm members wishing to stand down to inform IS by 5pm 6 May	All	Completed
10	IS to email Ex Comm re nominations procedure by 5pm 7 May	IS	Completed
	Actions arising from 30 April Ex Comm meeting	Owner(s)	
A	CR to invite Southfields Group Practice Managers to 23 July mtg	CR	
B	Discuss at 3 Sept Ex Comm actions for 50 th anniversary celebrations	All	
C	Contact Spencer Childs re SGRA donation now SBF chair stood down	AO-M	

1. **Minutes & Matters arising from 30 April, previous Ex Comm meetings & 21 May AGM**

- **Actions 1 & 7:** KF agreed to act as Ex Comm liaison point with Street Reps. Also, it was agreed to invite a member of the Street Reps to attend Ex Comm meetings – IS to write to inform them of both.
- **Action 2:** Serena will write to Cllr Humphries (copying Cllr Caddy) to get the issue of dog mess under the same umbrella as the litter scheme.
- **Action 3 & A:** See item (6) below
- **General Election Hustings 17 June:** Approx. 180 residents attended this event which went well. It was agreed that post- election, there should be a lessons-learnt session with other organisers of other hustings in the Constituency to agree principles/approaches e.g. of allowing hustings to be filmed.

2. **Declarations of interest** - None were declared.

3. **Revised SGRA Constitution**

- The revised constitution adopted at 21 May AGM, was signed by CR, IS and witnessed by AO-M & MB.

4. **Planning for SGRA 2024-25 priorities**

- Recognising the fact that with limited resources (volunteer and budget), the following were agreed to be considered priorities (in addition to SGRA's 50th anniversary celebration) for the new SGRA year: improving liaison with Street reps, financing issues, local issues e.g. improving streets, demographic survey, widening access of SGRA to other generations.

5. **Ideas for Guest speakers for 23 July Public meeting**

- It was agreed that CR would invite the Southfields General Practice Managers.

6. **How to celebrate SGRA's 50th anniversary**

- Ideas include: a 1970's themed senior's tea party; party for younger families; Art exhibition for Spring 2025; Photo display of local shops from 1995-2025; calendar (with old photos of the Grid) or as free insert in Autumn/Winter 2024 Grid News; Interviews of those who lived in Grid from 1975 onwards.

These would be discussed in more detail at 3 Sept Ex Comm, with agreement on who will lead.

7. Front Garden Awards 2024 – 21 to 30 June

- Judging will begin on 21 June. Results to be with AO-M by close 30 June.

8. How to mark Revd Ian Tattum's retirement

- It was agreed in principle to offer £500 towards the costs of a writing course (preferred gift).

9. Southfields Business Forum (SBF)

- Rachel Roberts has recently stood down as Chair, with no evident successor in place. Discussion then focused on the agreed SGRA donation of £500 to the SBF to buy pots and plants for shop frontages and brighten the shopping area (wording used in AO-M's email to Ex Comm of 20 April). When further discussed at Ex Comm on 30 April, it was mooted that although the money was designated for pots and plants, it may go towards other establishments costs (e.g. designing a website). To date this donation has not been paid. It was agreed that AO-M would contact Spencer Childs (SBF Treasurer) to talk about next steps. MB raised the point that in terms of accountability, it would be better to pay invoice by invoice to ensure that the money was being spent on what was agreed.

10. Ongoing updates:

Communication

- Copy for Summer Grid news due 21 June ready for delivery around 19 July. In recognition of the excellent work done on our Instagram page, Ex Comm would like to meet with Kate Shattock so she could put faces to names and also hear of colleagues' particular SGRA interests and activities.

Planning – Margaret Brett

- The revised applications to develop 75, 77, 79 Replingham (2024/0761 and 2024/0789) have been withdrawn. The revised application for the storage structure at 96C Pirbright (2024/0553) has been approved. The proposed basement development at 45 Elsenham (2024/0583) has been approved.

Public Realm – Margaret Brett

- The block seating at the tube needs finishing - some cladding which has been put in place is showing signs of efflorescence, but the actual seating and backs still need to be installed. SGN are digging up the corner opposite the tube. There are more replacement metal bollards in Replingham Road.

Local – Margaret Brett

- Following the funeral of former SGRA Chair Mike Caswell on 12 June, his family, local friends and residents have been looking to have a suitable memorial in Coronation Gardens to mark his significant involvement with the local community. There may not be enough funds for a memorial bench. The more practical option may be for a plaque (@£250) to be placed on a bench. Ex Comm agreed in principle that SGRA would make good any shortfall in donations.
- The further consultation by the GLA is now closed and the public hearing for AELTC could be heard in July but it is more likely to be held in the autumn, possibly September. The Save Wimbledon Park group had posters locally to encourage comment to the GLA.
- Two new cafes have opened and Johnny Walker are now to offer pizzas.
- Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC) has extended the food waste collection scheme, for which we were a pilot, throughout the borough.
- WBC is having another crackdown on the Lime bikes where they have been left blocking pavements.

Crime – Clive Williams: To be updated in time for SGRA Public Meeting on 23 July 2024.

Finance – David Boyle: Funds = under £5k, awaiting income from Summer advertising & subscriptions.

AOB

- Harvest 2024 and Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe (28 Sept) will be under 'Sustainable Southfields' theme.
- Ex Comm agreed the purchase of a card reader for Lesley McCaul to use when collecting subs.

Dates of next meetings & events

Forthcoming Meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **23 July**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church
- SGRA Executive Meeting **3 September**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Southfields SNT Ward Panel Meeting, **20 July**, 10.30am St Barnabas Church
- Sustainable Southfields-Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **28 September**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Sustainable Southfields-Harvest, **28 September**, 12-3pm St Barnabas Church