

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

### **Note of meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024**

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

**Apologies from:**, David Boyle, Margaret Brett.

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	CR to invite Southfields Group Practice Managers to 23 July mtg	CR	Completed
5	Discuss at 3 Sept Ex Comm actions for 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations	All	Completed
6	Contact Spencer Childs re SGRA donation now SBF chair stood down	AO-M	Ongoing
Actions arising from 3 September Ex Comm meeting		Owner(s)	
A	Agree remit of liaison role with Street reps	CR & KF	
B	Explore gaps in Ex Comm and consider co-opting those with relevant experience and knowledge	CR	
C	Consider & arrange hand-over Treasurer role from DB to AP	CR, DB, AP	
D	Reply to Wandsworth Neighbourhood Watch Association	CR	
E	Send round calendar invites to Ex Comm of 2025 meeting dates	IS	
F	Contact Juanita Stannel-Taitte at Wandsworth Borough Council re getting a notice board to publicise SGRA news & activities	CR	
G	Redraft for subscription envelope to be ready for 29/10 Ex Comm	SP & IS	
H	Schemata of residents' census/survey to be ready for 29/10 Ex Comm	IS, KF, RL	

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

2. **Actions arising from and since Ex Comm on 18 June and Public Meetings 23 July 2024**

- Actions 1 & A: KF and CR to meet to agree terms of reference for this role.
- Action 3 & 5: See item (6) below.
- Action 4: CR did invite Southfields Group Practice and Elborough Road Surgery but with no luck.
- Action 6: See item (9) below.

3. **Matters arising since Ex Comm on 18 June and Public Meetings 23 July 2024**

- Action B: CR proposed co-opting an additional person to the Ex Comm. IS & AM-O reminded Ex Comm that the revised Constitution confirms the right to co-opt people who can bring expertise or specialised knowledge to meet SGRA's specific needs. In light of this, CR would consider where there were gaps which needed filling and revert to Ex Comm.
- Action C: CR informed Ex Comm that David Boyle would not be able to devote more time as Treasurer and was looking to move on before or around Christmas. Ameet Phadnis agreed to take on the role and will be meeting with both Charles and David to take forward.
- Action D: Charles had been approached by the Wandsworth Neighbourhood Watch Association to see if SGRA would like to be formally involved. Ex Comm's view was that this activity was partly covered by the various WhatsApp groups with residents reporting what was going on in their streets etc.
- Action F: See item (5) below. CR agreed to pursue this with Juanita Stannel-Taitte.
- Action G: See item (7) below.
- Action H: See item (10) below.

**4. Ex Comm and Public Meeting dates – 2025**

- The following Ex Comm and Public Meeting dates for 2025 were agreed. IS would forward these onto St Barnabas Office and calendar invites to Ex Comm members.

<b>Exec Comm dates - Location tbc</b>	<b>Public Meeting dates- Location tbc</b>
7 January	28 January
25 February	25 March
29 April	20 May (AGM)
24 June	22 July
2 September	30 September
28 October	25 November

**5. Confirmation of SGRA 2024-25 priorities**

- The following were confirmed as priorities for 2024-2025: SGRA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events; re-design of membership/subscription envelope; residents’ survey; notice board to publicise SGRA news/events.

**6. Celebrating SGRA’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

- The following anniversary events were agreed leads in brackets): a 1970’s themed party (AO-M, AK, IS); Art exhibition for Spring/Summer 2025 (IS, AO-M); 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

**7. Processing of membership subscriptions and envelopes**

- In recognition of how busy/unclear the subscription envelope looked, it was agreed to redesign the membership subscription envelope. A draft will be presented to Ex Comm on 29 October.
- CR said that he noted some Street Reps concerns about the timing of sending out the envelopes i.e. during the school summer holidays where most residents may be away. CR’s solution of getting them out a month earlier (June) was agreed. This would mean bringing forward the timing of each Grid News edition by a month.

**8. Ideas for guest speakers at 24 September and future Public Meetings**

- 24 September 2024: it was agreed to invite Friends of Wimbledon Park, Green the Grid and Friends of Coronation Gardens. SBF could also be invited to provide an update. We could also have updates about Harvest 2024 and Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe (28 Sept) and on the timetable for appointing Ian Tattum’s successor.
- In light of the GLA announcement of the AELTC planning application hearing to be on 27 Sept, Simon Wright may also be invited to give an update. NOTE: SGRA Public Meeting would be the evening after a Public Meeting Simon Wright has organised to discuss the GLA Hearing.
- For the record both Southfields Group Practice and Elborough Road surgeries declined an invitation to attend/speak at the 24 September Public Meeting.
- Future Public Meetings: SP suggested inviting Diana Chitty (Southfields Food Bank) for November public meeting and in the future someone from Rangers of Wimbledon Common.
- RL came up with a list of organisations who could provide interesting speakers and topics for future Public Meetings (these are listed in Annex A).

**9. Southfields Business Forum (SBF)**

- Since the resignations of the Chair and Treasurer post, it was unclear what was happening re SBF activities. Both AM-O and AK were still acting as SGRA representatives. There had been confusion about the SGRA donation of £500 where SGRA was accused of not honouring it - which is/was not the case. The money is still there. A mechanism on how it would be provided will be agreed in due course – the SBF were not short of funds.

## **10. Planning a census/residents' survey**

- IS confirmed that work will be taken forward to a draft census/resident's survey (roughly based on the one used in 2012). There will be paper and online versions. Its primary purpose, through a better understanding of the demographic profiles of SGRA residents, will be to identify any gaps SGRA can address so that it can use its resources more effectively to better meet the needs of residents in Southfields Grid. A small group consisting of IS, KF, RL will take this forward. A schemata of the survey will be presented to 29 Oct Ex Comm for discussion with a view to issuing it in Spring 2025.

## **11. Ongoing updates:**

### *Communication – CR & IS*

- In line with item 7 above, Grid News will be issued Oct/Nov, March and June in future. The website is being updated gradually.

### *Planning – MB*

- The application for reducing the height of the front wall to 69 Lavenham has been approved. There are now objections from residents of Pirbright Road about the proposed development of 75, 77, 79 Replingham (2024/2323 and 2024/2483). People are worried about the dominance of the building and effect on privacy. The GLA has announced that the Hearing to decide whether AELTC's planning application should be accepted or refused will be held at City Hall on Friday 27 September.

### *Public Realm – MB*

- The block seating at the station had finally been finished off and the seating is in frequent use. SGN have not restored the surface properly following their renewed digging at the corner opposite the station. There was a short power failure within parts of the Grid on 3 September

### *Local – MB*

- Wandsworth has started to review the recently introduced Local Plan. They want to strengthen the provisions for social housing. Wandsworth is consulting on introducing licensing requirements for certain landlords. The consultation ends on 14 October.

*Crime – CW:* To be updated in time for SGRA Public Meeting 24 Sept..

*Finance – DB:* Funds = just over £6.5k.

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## **Dates of next meetings & events**

### Forthcoming Meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **24 September**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church
- SGRA Executive Meeting **29 October**, 7.45-9.30pm, St Barnabas Church

### Forthcoming events

- Sustainable Southfields-Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **28 September**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Sustainable Southfields-Harvest, **28 September**, 12-3pm St Barnabas Church
- Southfields SNT Crime Prevention Stall, **28 September**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Wandsworth Artists Open House, **5/6 & 12/13** October, 11am-6pm. Details to follow.

**SUGGESTED SPEAKERS AND TOPICS FOR FUTURE SGRA PUBLIC MEETINGS**

1. Wandsworth Council e.g. Council Cabinet members for Transport, Environment, Housing, Finance, Health, Education, the Tree Surgeons, The Parks and open space managers, Waste Managers.
2. Wandsworth Redevelopment- Nine Elms, Clapham/Battersea, Wandsworth Town Centre.
3. A Solicitor to encourage/explain discuss LPA's (Lasting Power of Attorneys), wills, disputes, first point of contact, CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau).
4. Environmentalists, Climate Change, sustainability.
5. Local History, Archaeology.
6. Local Hospitals: St. Georges' Hospital,, Queen May's Hospital, Royal Hospital for Neurology, Linden Lodge School.
7. Local Universities: Roehampton St. Georges', Kingston.
8. The Aspire Centre, Local Gyms, Physio, Osteo, Therapists....., Healthwatch, WellBeing Hub, Samaritans, Social care, Family welfare.
9. Art Groups, Walking Groups, Bird Watching, Barnes Wetland Centre, Kew Gardens, National Trust.
10. Greening the Grid and Gardening and Allotments.
11. Rifle Club, Golf Clubs, Football Clubs, Rugby Clubs
12. Religious: Society of Friends, Islamists, Everyday church, St. Barnabas, St. Pauls' Jehovah's Witnesses.