



Southfields Grid Residents' Association Executive Committee (Exec Comm)

Note of meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2025

1. **Members Present:** – Ameet Phadnis (AP), Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty (AO-M), Ann Kerr (AK), Charles Runcie (CR) Clive Williams (CW), Ian Shaw (IS) – acting Chair, Kyle Forder (KF), Rod Lewington (RL), Serena Potter (SP), Sue Wixley (SW), Will Smart (WS)
2. **Apologies for absence** – Margaret Brett,

Update on actions from previous Exec Comm meetings		Owner(s)	Status
1	Focus on ensuring increased dog mess signs in the grid	SP	Open
2	Contact Juanita Stanuel-Taitte at WBC re notice board for publicising SGRA news and events	CR	Ongoing
3	Chase up on progress re Speed Gun (location and operability)	CW	Done
4	Update on Jeffrey Barber how SGRA can help STRA6	IS	Ongoing
5	Invite Gillian Brett (FOCG figurine sculptor) to speak at SGRA meeting	CR	Ongoing
6	Ensure advice on requesting of fly-tipped materials and also mega- skip days is regularly update on SGRA website and other social media	ALL	Ongoing
7	Offer £2K towards overspend on FoCG Fountain restoration	CR/AM/IS	Done
8	Exec Comm on 28 October to review SGRA budget lines overspend	Exec C	Ongoing
9	Exec Comm to have full agenda item on the speed gun on 28 October	CW/IS	Done
10	Ask Cllr Guy Humpries to update 30 Sept Public Meeting on parking permit review.	CR/IS	Ongoing
Actions arising from 28 October Exec Comm meeting		Owner(s)	
A	Summary of SGRA budget situation to appear in next Grid News (see 6 below)	AP	
B	IS to write to CR confirming Exec Comms decision not to provide further funds for FoCG Fountain restoration (see 7 below)	IS	
C	Cllr Guy Humphries to be invited as a guest speaker at the 25 November Public Meeting to cover issues such as parking permit review, dog poo signs and speed gun (see 9 below)	CR/IS	

3. **Declarations of interest** – Only one, when the agenda item concerning the donation to the Fanny Wilkinson statue was being considered by Exec Comm, CR would leave the room.
4. **Commentary on major matters from 2 September and previous Exec Comms (not covered below)**
 - **Action 1:** that this would remain open until new signs were evident. AOM raised concerns from residents in Trentham Street about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs, and when a dog owner was approached about this, he/she let their dog urinate on the gate owned by the person raising the issue.
 - **Actions 3, 9 & 10:** CW reported that the Speed Gun was ready to be used but could only be done so if the presence of a member(s) of the metropolitan police. He was not sure when this would happen but all had to recognise that the SNT were short staffed. A suggestion was made to perhaps join up with West Hill SNT and use it on Wimbledon Park Road – this would be considered.
 - **Action 4:** IS to make contact with Jeffrey Barber before the end of the year.
5. **24 September Round Table (RT) on feedback on Wimbledon Championships** – Fleur Anderson chaired a successful RT which had 21 attendees. Arising from that RT were two overriding priorities – getting agreement on ownership of issues, and linked to that getting the Bye Laws updated to include

the banning of anti-social behaviour (e.g. urination and defecation). Under these two would also include recommendations for better communications to let those queuing know where the temporary toilets were based etc. A question to consider would be where this RT should be homed – a strong consideration would be that as it concerned activities happening in Wimbledon Park (i.e. in terms of those queuing and residents walking their dogs or families) – that it could sit under the Friends of Wimbledon Park forum which had the same bodies represented at the RT.

6. **Managing SGRA Budget for 2025/26** – AP confirmed that the balance as of 26 October stood at £7,143.26. The bulk of 2025 subscriptions had been collected (analysis of income and growth by street to follow). Key payments to follow will be £2k (Fanny Wilkinson statue) and £1.5k to Yellow Print for Grid News. AP will write a short budget summary for the Autumn/Winter 2025 Grid News. AP said that draft budget was showing us spending £2,197 more than our projected income – and this was down to various community events as part of SGRA’s 50th anniversary celebrations. AP suggested that in terms of managing finance going forward, any additional categories of cost, or increases in proposed costs should be agreed by CR, IS, SP & AP before committing to the spend. This was agreed.
7. **Update on SGRA donation towards cost of restoring Fanny Wilkinson statue** – At Exec Comm on 24 June, a request for a one-off request for £3,500 was considered but a decision was agreed to offer £2,000 and review the situation at the Exec Comm meeting on 28 October.

At 28 October Exec Comm, CR outlined his case for an additional £1.5K donation towards to the overall costs associated with the restoration of the Fanny Wilkinson statue. He said that the ceremony on 4 July had been a great success generating lots of publicity and putting Southfields in the local news. Despite the fact that Wandsworth Borough Council has paid £13K some of which was for the filming, Heritage of London Trust - £15K, Drinking Fountains Foundation - £2K and one or two private donations, there was still a shortfall of £4,857. After making his case, and due to his conflict of interest, CR agreed to leave the room so that Exec Comm could come to a decision.

After a detailed and lengthy discussion, Exec Comm decided that it could not agree any further funding for this cause. Taking account of the earlier discussion of the SGRA budget for 2025-26 (see 6 above), Exec Comm felt it important to remain prudent in how we allocate funds. Supporting SGRA 50th anniversary milestone activities have naturally resulted in higher expenditure than usual. Granting further large one-off contributions at this stage could therefore place undue pressure on SGRA finances and limit our ability to support other local initiatives in the months ahead. On being told of the Exec Comm’s decision, CR asked for written confirmation of this decision so that he could show other potential funders he has been engaging with. IS agreed to provide a note on behalf of Exec Comm.

8. **Confirmation of meeting dates in 2026** – CR questioned the July Public Meeting date of 21 July as this would be at the start of the school Summer holidays. As it was agreed that Tuesday 14 July may be too early, it was agreed to stick with 21 July.
9. **SGRA priorities 2025/26**
- **The Constitution** – IS confirmed that the updated Constitution had been uploaded on to the website.
 - **Subscription envelopes/membership developments** – Most Street reps were paying cash subs into the SGRA Account – those who don’t like handling other people’s money were giving them to IS, SP to help out.
 - **GridKids Inaugural Event** – WS said that arrangements were well in hand for 8 November. 5 people had volunteered to help. It was expected that people would bring in home-made cakes (with the proviso that ingredients should be named). SP offered to provide a refreshments disclaimer which is used at Mend, Fix and Repair Cafes. Also Planet Art who will be involved will be bringing materials at a cost of £50. WS wondered if a SGRA table could be set up to publicise what SGRA does etc.

- Guest speakers at 25 November – Exec Comm agreed to inviting Guy Humphries and also Rachel Roberts (SPF). [NOTE: At 2 September Exec Comm, it was suggested that we could invite the groups under the ‘Sustainable Southfields’ umbrella to speak at the 25 November Public Meeting – perhaps they could be invited to the January Public Meeting].
 - Quiz Night (Friday 10 October) – IS said that feedback, given individually, was positive and that SGRA made a profit of £546.00. He thanked all those on the Exec Committee who helped on the day make a successful event. There would be a lessons learnt session with AOM, AK, SP and Adrian Redgers (quiz master) and Charles would be providing feedback separately.
- 10. Update on Southfields Business Forum** – AOM & AK said that SBF were increasing their membership. There was a lot of excitement about the Pumpkin Trial and also the focus of attention would be the Christmas lights-switch on 3 December at 4pm where SBF and SGRA would share a table. Both were pleased to say that SBF seem better organised compared to this time last year.

11. Ongoing updates:

Planning & local

- House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) application for 10 Elsenham Street (planning case: 2025/2919). SW updated Exec Comm and said that in September SGRA objected to the second application, increasing the number of bedrooms from 6 to 8, and in October the Planning Committee had refused the application. This meant that the original application was standing. Wandsworth Borough Council would now need to ensure that the agreed planning requirements are applied.
- Fara Charity Shop (Wimbledon Park Road): Exec Comm were advised that the Fara Kids (refused case 2025/1122) slipped through under the radar in August and now the developers have Permitted development for residential which means they do not need planning permission. AOM agreed to check if SBF members were aware.

Crime

- Updated figures will be attached to the agenda for the 25 November Public Meeting.
- Meetings: CW said the note of the SNT Ward Panel meeting held Saturday 11 October would be sent out soon and posted on our website.
- Future location of counter services – On 18 October, Met Engage announced following a stout local campaign, the Lavender Hill front counter service would remain open from 10am to 10pm on Monday-Friday and between 9am and 7pm at the weekend.

AOB:

- Christmas appeal: SP thought it would be a good idea to have a do something similar to previous SGRA appeals – e.g. collection of clothing for prisoners at Wandsworth prison. Since then, SP messaged Exec Comm about <https://www.gifftree.uk/> who help some of the most disadvantaged children in Wandsworth. Children who otherwise won’t have a present to open on Christmas day.
- Christmas cards: CR said that it would be good to repeat what was done last year in respect of sending out Christmas card to those SGRA have contact with. CR would be circulating last year’s list asking for other names or corrections.

Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **25 November**, 7.30-9.15pm, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- GridKids Inaugural Event, **8 November**, 1-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe, **15 November**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- Southfields Christmas Lights switch-on, **3 December**, 4pm, top of Replingham Road.