

King's Lynn St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum

Quarterly Forum meeting

7pm, 20 November 2019

Marriott's Warehouse, South Quay

Minutes

1. The chairman, Dr Julian Litten, opened the meeting.
2. The booked speaker, Kim Kennedy, on 'The Port of King's Lynn' cancelled on the day.

Noisy Premises

Julian led a discussion on noisy premises in King's Lynn. He issued a report on the results of monitoring of the noise from the White Hart Stores, and King's Lynn Workers club. Councillor Lesley Bambridge, reported that she had received noise complaints from residents near The Eagle, and The Lord Napier.

Lesley outlined the procedures that residents can use to report a noise or public nuisance. The law states that an individual who lives nearby, a body of residents, and a person who is involved in a business, can report a nuisance to the council, or police. A 'nuisance' includes , prevention of crime and disorder, affecting public safety, and protecting children from harm. Lesley said that the council can issue an App that records excessive noise, and also has recording equipment, but there is a high demand for these units. The person who is reporting the nuisance must make a note of date and time. The licensing body of the council can 'exclude an activity from the licence', 'suspend the licence', and 'revoke the licence', for continual nuisance.

The meeting thought that the Licensing Act needed a review, as it is not tough enough on the procedures for acting on noise complaints. Julian suggested that the Chief Superintendent, David Marshall, and Joanna Reid be invited to the forum, to talk on nuisance and the law. Sally Turff to write letters to the chief executive of the council, Lorraine Gore, the leader of the council, Brian Long, and the new M.P, (when elected) on resident's concerns on noise nuisance and reports.

3. a) **Apologies:** Paul Richards, Ann Drew, Tony Williams, Jane Dearling, Shaun Blackmur, Burt Greene, Ann Phillips, Wayne Hart, Clare Cook, and Margaret Worledge.

Sally said that the meeting clashed with various events in the town, and suggested the forum meets on Tuesdays instead. The meeting agreed.

b) **Conflicts of interest:** None

c) **Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Quarterly forum meeting** on 11 September, were agreed and signed.

d) **Matters arising:**

Neighbourhood plan (NP) – Julian clarified the process of drafting the plan. The council will check the draft plan and gives advice, but plan can still progress even if it is against the council's own borough plan. Lesley said that the NP would be available to residents and businesses in the ward, and a ballot takes place to vote on it. The council cannot

go against the ballot decision, even if it is against council's plan. The council looks at the draft report and works with the ward forum on the plan.

Sally has the South Wootton Neighbourhood Plan, which took several years to prepare. A working group is needed, and with the South Wootton Plan, 16 people were involved including Adrian Parker, the former borough planning officer. Sally replied that it has been suggested that a morning meeting be organised, for a discussion on how to put a plan together and who and what is required. Julian said all sections of society should be invited e.g children's groups, businesses, local charities.

Sally will contact the South Wootton chairman for advice.

Lesley said the local neighbourhood plans are on the council website.

e) **Treasurer's report:** As of October, there is £5018.96.

f) **Chairman's report: Transport Strategy**

Sally attended the stakeholder meeting, which was open to people interested in the strategy. The meeting discussed traffic movement not traffic reduction. Sally said the Lynx bus representative stated there was a financial problem in extending bus services, due to a reduced subsidy from county council.

Lesley stated that there is no mention of residential parking in the report and there are commuter parking problems around The Friars, and Bridge Street, but the county council is against residents permits. David Collis is going to an NCC meeting on the plan for the Lynn area, and will take any issues on parking to relay to the officers, on behalf of the forum. Julian to write letter on behalf of forum.

Julian said the report does not take into account, the aim to reduce carbon emissions by 2030, or parking needs for the multi occupation of buildings.

Colin Johnston, asked if Ken Hill's paper on parking in King's Lynn. [paper circulated the next day] had been taken into consideration when the WF response to the study had been made. The paper included the closure of the Purfleet bridge, to restrict traffic down Queen's Street and priority for pedestrians and cyclists. JL said that it had not but it would be re-assessed by the committee with a view to contacting the study consultants to endorse the paper and to ask for it to be taken into account. The one way sign on Queens Street, intended for cyclists, has disappeared. Sally will write to council for a replacement sign.

Heritage at Risk- English Heritage Report 2019 – Julian suggested that the forum writes to the council requesting that it should enforce the owners of the buildings at risk to take action against the decay of their buildings. The forum could also write to owners in the ward.

4. Following the agreement that meetings of the forum to be on a Tuesday in future to avoid clashes with so many other events, the next will be 3 months time [February] – date to be announced.

Julian wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm

