

SNBA. Minutes of the Meeting on 7th October 2008.

Present: Roseanne Berry, Sarah Graham, Michael Sinclair, Ricky Catwell, Anne Wilkinson.

1. **Apologies** were received from Bridget Pedgrift, Hamdy Shahein, Ian Aarons and Fae Graham.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting** of 2nd September 2008 were approved.
3. Apologies were sent from **Richard Bonshor, Waste Strategy Officer**, who had mistaken the date and was unable to come to the meeting, as expected. However, he will either arrange to meet us separately or will put together a response to questions sent to him by Roseanne. On the subject of **Recycling**, Ricky has signed up with Peter van Eeden of Capital Recycling, who will charge him £1 for about one week's waste. He takes almost anything except food waste, provides the sack and sorts it himself.
4. **Community Partnership** – Ricky had looked at the forms, and it seems we do not qualify as it's necessary to provide Accounts, Equal Opportunities Policy, Public Liability Insurance, etc, none of which we have completed. However, they might be relaxing the rules a bit for next year, as a lot of organisations are missing out. He will bring the forms to the next meeting. Michael had also received a form from the **Grass Roots** organisation, who provide up to £5000 for small community groups, but the application was due in on 9th October, and they had only just sent out the forms. Ricky would take the forms and look at them for next time.
5. **Presentation for 2012** – Michael reported that it was no use to us – more to do with property deals etc., but he was still in touch with Lloyds Bank and would let us know what other possibilities might be available for 2012.
6. **Christmas Lights etc**– no further progress on finding suitable lights for individual shops, but Ricky would look at websites for possibilities. Re **Father Christmas** and the **Carol Singing**, Sarah would like to arrange story-telling at the Bookshop on the 14th and 21st (Sunday pm) with FC in attendance, and would contact John to see when he would be available. A discussion ensued about whether the Choir should be asked to include a few more non-religious songs, such as Jingle Bells, which more children would be able to join in with. Roseanne would ask Bridget to contact the Choir to see if they would sing, and possible dates, and would ask her to tactfully discuss the songs. Roseanne would check what date it was held last year and would talk to the Fire Station and enquire about a tree. It will also be necessary to contact local papers and N16, once date is decided. A further discussion took place on possibilities of Late Night opening before Christmas, and it was agreed that last year was not particularly successful. It might be more appropriate to put up a general notice telling customers to look out for late openings, and let everyone make their own arrangements. Later, it was also agreed that some sort of banner stating that events, like the Carol Singing, was sponsored by the SNBA, would be a good idea for future use. Roseanne would look for printers' websites to look at possibilities and costs.
7. **Street furniture** – Anne wanted to know what experiences people had had with A boards and furniture outside shops, as she was getting conflicting info from the Council. No one had any definite guidelines, but Roseanne suggested looking at the Council website.
8. **A Vote of Thanks** – was expressed to Bridget for all her work on the Committee and regret that we will be losing her. Discussions will take place later as to who will take on her work.
9. **Date of next meeting** – 4th November 2008, 6.15pm at Sunstone.