

Minutes of SNBA Committee meeting 9.10am at Phillips Weds 5 December 2007

Present: Rosanne Berry, Ian Aarons, Julian Korosec, Ricky Catwell, Bridget Pedgrift, Michael Sinclair

1. **Apologies:** Sarah Graham, Fae Graham, Hamdy Shahein

2. **Minutes** of meeting of 6 Nov were approved.

3. David Rowley has resigned as Acting Chair, and also from the SNBA committee.

4. Christmas

Tree - Rosanne reported that Rupert (tree man at the Council) has had problems with his contractors and as a result we may not get a decent-sized tree this side of Christmas. Meeting agreed to let things take their course, and to discuss maintenance etc once we have a date for the new tree to go in.

Carol singers - Rosanne reported that the Fire Station is fine for us to use their forecourt on Thurs 20th and to use their kitchen to heat up mulled wine. Ricky will buy 6 bottles mulled wine, plenty of mince pies, paper napkins and plastic cups. **Action: Ricky**

A5 handouts - Michael will reduce the A4 sheets down and copy 300 handouts to be distributed to local shops and businesses as handouts to the public. **Action: Michael**

Santa - Bridget to chase up John Field re Santa for 9, 15 and 16 Dec and advise Julian asap.

Action: Bridget

Michael to speak to American Chris, and Julian to Sarah in his office about accompanying Santa on these three outings - paid by SNBA.

Action: Michael + Julian

Gifts - agreed small gifts for the following: Safer Neighbourhood team, Sarah's member of staff who did the design for the poster, Guy at Rouge who did the poster layout, and Steve doing the web design. Ian to supply bottles x 3, and Ricky to buy tin of chocs. **Action: Ian and Ricky**

5. HEN

Michael reported that the next HEN meeting will be Thursday 13th December, 6pm - 8.30pm at La Sera, 176 Stoke Newington High Street

Michael will attend - who else would like to go?

6. Forum

Michael reported that he bumped into Jamie Carswell at a drinks function and they talked about reinstating the 'forum' meeting proposed some time ago by Jamie, where Council officers would meet with SNBA committee members for full and frank discussion. This is an about-turn to what was agreed at the committee meeting on 2 July after we had met with Andy Cunningham (Present: Rosanne Berry, Michael Sinclair, Bridget Pedgrift, David Rowley, Ian Aarons, Sarah Graham, Ricky Catwell) This was minuted as follows:

- Jamie Carswell meeting - Bridget has had a reply from Jamie saying that he is still willing to set up this meeting. Committee felt that at this stage individual approaches to relevant councillors or Council personnel would be more effective. Bridget to thank Jamie and explain. **Action: Bridget**

To be an agenda item for next meeting in Jan 08.

7. StokeFest

Michael reported that he has been asked to be a trustee of the not-for-profit organisation which runs the festival.

8. Say no to Tesco

It was agreed Bridget would make contact with the group organising this campaign and arrange to meet with them if appropriate. **Action: Bridget**

9. Web site

Rosanne and Bridget showed the meeting the bones of the proposed site - www.stokeybusiness.com put together by Steve. All looks very promising. Rosanne will forward his latest email to all the committee for everyone's input and comments, especially on the issues of security and site content. All feedback should go to Rosanne and Bridget asap, but not direct to Steve.

Action: Rosanne

10. Membership

It was agreed that Fae should be given a sheet of info on the pending web site to hand out to prospective new members.

Action: Bridget/Rosanne

Next meeting:

Weds 9 Jan at 6.15pm venue to be confirmed

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year!