

Dunton Park Residents Association

Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 March 2024

6.30pm in the hall of the clubhouse

Present

Chair: Gary Peckham

Secretary: James Hailes

Treasurer: Sheila Hobman

Helping Hands: Lynda Gould

Entertainment: Julie Raby

Membership coordinator: Pat Moore

Banking/Defib management: Pat Stapleton

Sheila Mead: committee member

+ 2 members observing.

Apologies – Denise Rayner

1. Chair Gary: opening remarks.

- a) Gary welcomed existing committee members and observers.
- b) Gary also welcomed Sheila Mead as a new committee member.

2. Recap on AGM Thursday 14 March 2024

- a) All existing committee members were proposed and seconded with the addition of Sheila Mead
- b) Committee reshuffle with Pat Moore becoming Membership coordinator and Pat Stapleton being responsible for Defib.
- c) Sheila will still do accounts, but Gary will be responsible for bookkeeping.

- d) It was brought up that some residents were very noisy throughout the meeting causing others to not be able to hear what was being said. It was suggested that maybe in future questions should be taken after each section and committee members should be located on the floor to maintain the smooth running of meeting.

3) **Update on zoom meeting with Regency Living**

Present Gary Peckham, James Hailes Residents Association

Sharon Reach, Operations Manager for Regency Living

Claire Bracknell Customer Care for Regency Living.

- a) Gary and James explained that in the past they had been disappointed with the level of communication with Royale and hoped going forward with Regency Living would improve. All signs now seem positive.
- b) Meeting with Regency Living will hopefully go ahead every 8-10 weeks.
- c) Ethos with Regency Living seems a lot better but only time will tell.
- d) When Regency Living obtains the Site License, they will be sending out letters to all residents with a feedback form introducing themselves and asking for suggestions etc.
- e) Regency Living explained that they would concentrate on the existing problems with the site before considering possible redevelopment .
- f) It was brought up about road signs and they told us that they would be replacing all of these with new ones with their logo on but if temporary ones are required in the meantime this will be arranged (Chestnut View)

- g) It is unlikely that the bar will reopen in the immediate future as this was making a loss.
- h) As Regency Living have taken over 30 sites it may take them sometime to fix all problems but they seem willing to work with us.

4) **Coach Trip Discussions**

- a) We will ask residents via Facebook and newsletter if they have any suggestions regarding where they would like to go. Committee members suggested maybe a Christmas Market, Mystery Tour, Seaside Trip (possibly September time) or maybe a winery.
- b) The committee asked for a volunteer to take charge of this event and Sheila Mead said she would be willing to take this on.
- c) Costs and subsidies for members will be discussed when a location is decided.
- d) Sheila to ensure that all relevant insurances are in place and that there is adequate disability access.

5) **Entertainment updates**

- a) The only update was that the Christmas social event will not only be Big Bopper but also Jerry Lee Lewis. The extra cost for this was agreed prior to the meeting.
- b) Pat Stapleton said he knew of a Ukulele band that might go down well. Julie will look at this.

6) **Treasurer updates**

- a) The only item that was discussed was the fact that Sheila Hobman does an excellent job of being treasurer. She now passes all her figures to Gary as bookkeeper to input on the accounts package.

7) **Secretary updates**

- a) There was a problem with a resident not being able to get in contact with anyone on the emergency number. It was explained that where Toni lived the signal is not very good. She will investigate how to improve this situation.
- b) The trial period for the committee having the club keys has ended and it was agreed that this had worked out well and would continue – There were no complaints.
- c) There was a problem with the fire alarm going off and no one being here to reset this. This can now be done by the committee.
- d) We must ensure that after social events that the hall is vacated by 12am. This is very important and must be adhered to.
- e) The committee are looking at ways to improve the usage of the hall. They are trying to buy a table tennis table that possibly turns over and doubles up as another pool table. Also maybe being able to watch Euro 2024 football on TVs either in the bar or hall. This will be discussed with Toni re entertainment license.
- f) Basildon council have been on site looking at any areas that need improvement. Regency Living are organising Surveyors to look at the site boundaries to ensure these are correct. Also, look at the drainage system and making maps of these.
- g) Work on Macerator will commence 15 April 2024.

8) **Equalities updates**

Denise was not present, but the committee will continue to ensure that this is adhered to.

9) **Helping Hands updates**

Nothing to report other than continuing to help where required.

10) **Questions from members**

No questions as such were raised other than to agree with ensuring that the club is vacated by 12am

11) **Any other business**

a) All residents have received a letter regarding hedges between properties not being higher than one metre. It was asked if there would be any help to reduce the height of these if residents are unable to do this themselves and this will be investigated.

b) The committee has been asked by Jayne Finch if we could put on an afternoon tea event for a small Adult Learning charity that are struggling for funds. This was agreed and a date for this will be arranged.

c) Following the delivery of membership cards, it was noted that a resident wanted someone to chat to. Sheila and Julie will see what they can do.

c) A new grounds person Ross has been employed but unfortunately Scott has left so there are still only two. The position is being readvertised.

d) It was asked why the bins were put out early i.e. Tuesday morning. Why can't these be done in the afternoon as are unsightly. This will be put to Toni.

The meeting was ended at 8.35pm

