



Friends of Brunswick Square and Terrace

**General Meeting 11 November 2023**

**(following the AGM at the Regency Town House at 11.15am)**

### **GENERAL MEETING Minutes**

#### **1. Brunswick and Trans Pride Festivals 2023**

Trans pride 2023 did not go ahead in the Square as planned due to adverse weather. They have not applied for the festival to be held in the Square for 2024.

Brunswick Festival adhered to our wishes to protect the flower beds our volunteers have been working on after some cajoling. All flower beds were fenced off with bunting. Side gates were closed as per request. It was agreed that the music was still too loud on Sunday and music should be stopped at 6pm. Agreed to consider a stall for FBST for next year in order to raise funds for the garden. **ACTION- SD** liaise with Ian Biard to reduce next years music (live or otherwise) **LB-** contact organisers of festival for a stall for 2024

#### **2. Summer party 2024, a 200 year celebration**

Request for anyone to help the already established team of LB Tracey Dann and Kate Rock to help with celebrations. Ideas and suggestions especially around fundraising very welcome. **ACTION-** LB to keep momentum for organising.

### 3. Planning applications approved and declined

Applications that have been declined were noted (5G mast on the seafront, Brunswick Street west coach houses and Meeting place Café). Meeting Place Cafe new application without roof terrace was successful. It was highlighted that the Hotel has extra bedroom on the Ground floor and a 'spa' in the basement. **ACTION-** Councillor Andrei Czolak to follow up as he has not seen any applications. Also check Licensing laws under Licensing Strategy group in Brunswick Town.

### 4. Communal Bins/Fly tipping

It was noted and welcomed that the Bin Trial for the Square & Terrace had been placed on hold. Noted report from Cllr Czolak that we have PM collection instead of AM and 4 citywide lorries that break down frequently. Cityclean are implementing new digital system rather than paper based. New lorries will have digital system that should help with routes and collection. TP position of new bins should be considerate of surroundings and graffiti should be cleaned off in 24 hours. Lots of fly tipping, no reduction of builders waste/garden waste etc, 'street treasure' still left next to bins that if not picked up are intended for tip. Could this be reduced with signage and stickers against fly tipping. Report any fly tipping to Max at council. **ACTION SD-** send link on Facebook to make it easier to report.

Position of bins at the bottom of the Square are a safety issue for crossing the road **ACTION LB-** email regarding possible zebra crossing or extended dropped pavement.

### 5. ASB: drugs, safety and the new Neighbourhood watch Scheme

Ongoing problems with ASB and Neighbourhood Watch scheme still in infancy. Councillor Czolak on Community Safety Housing committee. Cambridge road under new management where there has been a decline in the last 12 months. The contracts on Brunswick Place where the hostels are not run by the council, but possibly the probation service. There should be input from the residential community given the

danger they pose and close to Primary Schools. **ACTION- ALL-** LAT meetings to be attended, informal but useful to express concerns.

## 6. Gardening Group report

Regency restoration of garden ongoing. JR-Liaising with the Pavillion and Virginia for advice. Free gardening from community payback team still coming up against red tape. **ACTION JR/CL/Councillor**-email Rachel at council again

## 7. AOB

Railings on seafront in front of the Square are in a poor condition and have become a safety issue.

Building Insurance-Research should be conducted regarding hugely differing amounts quoted. Reinstatement cost assessment to be investigated. **ACTION SD**- send out questionnaire to residents and owners.

Communal Painting Cycle is out of sync. Could we achieve competitive tendering from Brewers for the paint. Residents could share quotes to drive competition and prices down. **ACTION SD**-email Lesley Johnson regarding increasing fines for the buildings that do not paint in cycle. Check Painting cycle 2025 Or 2026.

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