

PATCHAM LOCAL ACTION TEAM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on

Thursday 24th June 2010 at 19.00 at Patcham Community Centre Ladies Mile Rd Brighton

Present: Bernard Copelin (Chairman), S Alderson, Gwen Biggs Sheila Davey, Srgt James Davidson, Barry & Jean Edmends, Angela Graeppi (Secretary), PCSO Terri Hammond, Pamela Hubbard, D Kail, Barry L'Armie (Treasurer), Virginia Mourant, Peter Neish, James Rhodes, Yaan Svensil, Cllr Geoffrey Theobald,

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Brian Pidgeon, Cllr Carol Theobald, Yvonne Ray, Hilary Black and Ranger Will Furze.

2. Minutes of meeting held 18th May 2009 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: Chairman had received a note from Ranger Will Furze informing him that on 28th May there had been a clean up of conservation areas at Ladies Mile Reserve, Braeside green space and a number of other smaller parks in the Patcham area.

3. Chairman's Report: Bernard welcomed everyone to our 'first' AGM following the agreement & signing of our Constitution last year. He thanked all the officers who helped keep us alive. Two years ago we regularly had about 25 people attending but our numbers have dropped. Are we not getting our message across or is it residents' apathy in thinking the local action team is not for them. Barry L'Armie has done a good job in advising our aims, meetings and gets the minutes published on the 'Safe in the City' website. We also advertise in the 'Patcham Post'. Perhaps we should get an article in the City Council Newsletter. We are inviting the Argus to attend our September meeting & hope that will get word around that we are here to help the community and take up issues with both the Council and the police.

4. Treasurer's Report: Petty Cash £41.92. Bank £1,136.66. Patcham Post adverts paid amounting to £58.75. Interest £1.19.

5. Secretary's Report: Angela reported she was willing to carry on for another year, but members should appreciate she had limited time in which to carry out these duties.

6. Publicity Officer's Report: Barry informed the meeting that he did not think it suitable for one member to hold two officer's posts and so felt he had to resign. Someone more qualified should take the position. It was agreed Barry had worked very hard and was successful in placing Minutes on the internet which he would continue to do as well as support the new appointee. It was decided to discuss this matter further at our next meeting.

7. Police Report: PCSO Terri Hammond reported there had been a slight increase in crime figures but were mainly minor. Stressed DO NOT leave windows open especially in the current hot weather. 'Operation Sunshine' urged people to close windows when not at home. There had been a significant amount of garage 'break ins' around the A23 corridor and Srgt Davidson felt they would soon come to Patcham. There had been a burglary in Ladies Mile Rd. Terri mentioned a bomb found in a Patcham garden and been moved by resident to an allotment where it was securely blown up. She stressed should anyone find such an object they should not move it but contact authorities immediately.

8. Election of Officers:

	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman Bernard Copelin	Barry L'Armie	Barry Edmends.
Vice Chairman Tony Meadows	Bernard Copelin	Barry L'Armie.
Treasurer Barry L'Armie	Barry Edmends	Bernard Copelin.
Secretary Angela Graeppi	Barry Edmends	Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald.

All posts unanimously agreed. It was decided to discuss the post of Publicity Officer at next meeting. Maybe have a team especially if we want to have a web site. Cllr Geoffrey Theobald gave a vote of thanks to all officers for their support.

9. AOB Priorities getting exhausted so need additional suggestions.

- Rusty fire appliance in The Deneway has not moved for 5 yrs. Police will investigate. Van in Thornhill Ave/Braeside Ave always parked on corner bluey colour. Police will investigate.
- Need priority for Carden Ave traffic into Wilmington Way. Geoffrey Theobald could do something but other people say no. A huge vehicle blocks sight of drivers at Wilmington Parade – something needs to be done. Since road redesign Church Hill is now too narrow for two cars to pass.

- Good to see cycle lanes on A23 but drivers have to be very aware of them as some do hurtle down. On the positive side parking each side of the Esso garage on A23 has been stopped. There is a 'Counter' for cyclists in Surrenden Rd. The European Commission working together with Cycling England covered the cost. It is the first in the country to promote cycling to show how many there are and encourage cyclists.
- All Saints Church damaged wall has been investigated by Pete Wickson with Warden and Council will now repair it.
- James Rhodes enquired whether Larkfield Way was in Patcham or Hollingbury. Ancient compared to modern maps disagree.
- Barry Edmends mentioned cars still park on pavement in Sunnydale Ave at junction with Carden Ave.
- It is noticeable recently that Patcham drains are being cleaned..
- Gwen Biggs requires 'cold caller' signs. PCSO will obtain supply as Police station has none.
- Ground at top of Ladies Mile Rd and in the vicinity of Clovers End – this is school ground but waiting for Government to agree a change of use for football ground and facilities. Vehicles parking here are causing problems and ambulances have experienced difficulties. Residents will watch if things change as they require their boundaries back.

10. Date of future meetings: Next meeting will be Thurs 22nd July 2010. Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month. There will be no meeting in August or December 2010. Other meetings are on Thurs 23rd September 2010, Thurs 28th October 2010, Thurs 25th November 2010 and Thurs 27th January 2011.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15.