

SDSRA 2016/17 AGM



Minutes from 2016/17 SDSRA Annual General Meeting 27th June 2017

Present: Executive Committee Members: Chairman: Brittis Wilks (BW) Treasurer: Mark Smith (MS), Sally Fletcher (SF), Jonathan Cassar (JC) and Simon Whittaker (SW)

These minutes are short and do not hold all that was discussed on the night of the meeting.

1. Welcome and introduction

- It would be nice to see you all becoming SDSRA members as we need you and your support to become stronger and getting closer to be a recognised Residents Association by FirstPort and Freehold Managers. The committee is pleased to see so many here tonight, members and non-members.

2. Who we are:

- Brittis Wilks, chairperson, lives in Falcon.
- Mark Smith, treasurer, lives in Enterprise.
- Sally Fletcher, lives in Kirkland.
- Jonathan Cassar, lives in Dominion.
- Simon Whittaker, lives in Kirkland.

3. Introduction

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 21st January 2014 were adopted and approved.

4. Accounts 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the period 2016-2017. The accounts were adopted and approved. The Treasurer outlined that the SDSRA funds being accumulated will be put towards future projects and community events.

5. Election

Brittis stood down as chairman.

Simon was elected

Lucy Brown, Milan Doshi and Grace Carter joined.

Sadly, we have lost some members due to moving away from St Davids Square. We wish them good luck in their new homes.

6. What have we achieved in 2016/17

- Involvement in replanting throughout.
- Involvement in replacement of chairs and tables
- Led-lights replacement, ongoing.
- Pushed for bike cleanup in garage... again

- Keeping a good working relation with FirstPort.
- Social events:
 - Marathon day together with FirstPort

7. What we would like to do in 2017/18

- Membership drive
- More Social events
- Supporting FirstPort in a spring cleaning effort for flats/houses outside space
- No washing on balconies
- Understand why so many leaks from properties
- Getting all lobbies repainted – once a year
- Assisting in the planting and replacing old and overgrown plants ongoing

8. But most important what do you want us to be involved in and to do for you?

- Better CCTV coverage
- Security in garage

9. Q&As (answers to the questions has been sent out to participants of the meeting and have been added here)

- CCTV: is it working? *Yes* And does it cover the whole of SDS? *Not yet, need to be sure its not pointing to someone's windows/balcony/terrace* Is it recording? *Yes.*
- How long do you (FP) keep the recordings? *2-3 weeks. If the police arrive and ask if there is a recording, it is checked, then if something can be seen, it is saved for them and when the formal request arrives the police gets the CD.*
- Can CCTV be put on the Thames path? *Robert answered yes. But there is a cost. Roberts answer a bit later: I have had the survey done regarding the Thames path CCTV am I am awaiting the cost of this which will also be very high as there is no cabling and to cover the whole path it would need 4 cameras.*
- Nuisance/noise caused by non residents late at night/after 11 pm. *On scooter speeding up SDS. No answer from the concierge when phoning the office.*
- Security: can we have a company that do 'mobile patrol' on not known times 24/7, to show that we have stepped up security? *Answer was yes. We now have random visits 24/7. This is working really well now.*
- What can and can't the concierge do regarding security? *The concierge staff are not security and will contact the security company or the police to assist.*
- Could we arrange external window cleaning once or twice a year? *The answer was no, they can't abseil on curved walls, not part of the lease.*
- How can we reinforce the 1 way rules? *I know one should look both ways but when there are signs everywhere saying 1 way then there is the expectation that traffic will flow in 1 direction. I have photos of residents who have not followed the one way system....when I just happen to be there. Is 1 - 2 minutes really such a hassle to drive around the property? Signs have been put up for non-residents. For residents they can drive out of gate 1 and in through gate 4 and both ways through gate 3. All of us are aware of the 1-way rules and hopefully drives slowly. It would be a lot of traffic around the development if everyone had to drive all the way around it to get in and out of the garage.*
- Can we post signs visible at all public entrances reminding folks that the property has CCTV? *The reason for this is to prevent any people who pass through St. David's to behave themselves. This should have been done?*
- There used to be a table tennis table in the snooker room. Is it possible to have

- this again? The answer was not possible due to noise and rowdy behaviour with balls.
- Decorating in the corridors and lobbies is very dissatisfactory to many residents. Its an ongoing issue and something that is brought up regularly in meetings. Still ongoing as there is always problems with decorators.
 - What can we do to stop waterleaks?
 - Could we have food-collection (recycling) from Tower Hamlets? Tower Hamlets don't have a procedure for food collection on this type of estate.
 - Fire safety: is the cladding being (re)-tested? In the light of the Grenfell Tower disaster? Yes it has been tested. Very few here and they are made of compressed heat-treated fibreboard. There is fire risk assessment taking place on the 30 June on extra specific areas (cladding, insulation, cavity walls).
 - Maintaining balconies? Rust needs to be treated, in the plate of metal, need to replace all floorpans. Will be looked at on the next external redecoration. Not easy to do.
 - Permanent air-condition unit in the gym? Will be changes and upgraded.
 - Replacement of the carpets. Choose a plain carpet to match and consider to change all carpets, but less expensive ones.
 - Water feature not very nice to look at. What can be done? Ongoing?
 - Someone was admiring our gardens. We have a great team of gardeners!

21 residents attended the AGM / 18 were members

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