

SDSRA 2018/19 AGM



Minutes from 2018/19 SDSRA Annual General Meeting 12th June 2019
Present: Executive Committee Members: Chairman: Brittis Wilks (BW), 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

- Welcome to a very overdue AGM. We are sorry for the delay. Last year was a heavy year with a lot of personal issues for some of us in the committee so SDSRA had to take a backseat.
- All questions will be at the end and I ask you to respect that.
- All members and non-members are asked to sign in. Thank you

2. Who we are - The committee presented themselves:

- Brittis stood down 2 years ago, but as no one took over, she has been acting as the chairman ever since the last meeting. We are still the same 7 (Brittis, Mark, Sally, Jonathan, Lucy, Simon and Grace) and would love to have some more people in the committee, preferably from blocks C, G, H, J and Meridian House

3. Introduction

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2017 were adopted.

4. Accounts 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2019

The accounts were shown and agreed, but as they were not signed-off by the accountant were not adopted. The audited accounts will be adopted at the next AGM.

5. Election

The committee were re-elected.

Two people came forward to join the committee: David Titterington and Charles Osborne. A third person has asked to join at a later date: Anupam Sharma.

6. What have we achieved in 2018/19

- Involvement in replanting throughout.

- Led-lights replacement, ongoing.
- Pushed for bike cleanup in garage... again.
- We have moved the membership from paper-based to an electronic system and it works great. For members: when you get the renewal email and already paying by PayPal (set up to recur either last year or when you joined) you don't have to do anything, it all happens automatically and you will get a new membership card via email.
- We have also moved to a new website and a new web address: <https://www.sdsrae14.com/>
- Keeping a good working relation with FirstPort.
- Social event.

7. What we would like to do in 2018/19

- 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. SDSRA future: We can't keep on struggling with the committee if we don't get more committee members. Please. Or we will put this on hold for a while until someone else is willing to run it

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

- Better CCTV coverage
- Security in garage
- Social event in October/November – Thai buffet and members buy their own drinks.
- Food waste collection – Brittis spoke to TH on the day of the meeting and TH has no ability to collect from SDS flats, only from the houses. The letter that went out from Peter Golds was only for the houses not for the flats. Some residents feel very strongly that this is an issue the committee should support and work on. SDSRA asked members to write to the council and see what can be done.
- Make sure our facilities are used by us and not people from outside. Check if the houses have got fobs – They don't.
- New parcel and key collection system to be introduced – SDSRA have seen it working on another FP development and staff there were very positive.
- Can we have a health check done on of all the blocks. For damp, cockroaches, silverfish, moths etc.

- Newsletter?!

Questions

Q - What can be done to reduce the amount of dogs here? What does Robert do and why are the Freeholders not listening to him/us? Sign should go up that dogs not allowed. For all gardens and grass.

Q - The garden between E and H blocks needs to be looked at. It is looking very bad.

Q - The emergency release on the new locks don't always work. Please make FP aware of this so it can be fixed. Do we know it works everywhere so we are not locked in? Dangerous!

A - This has been looked into (after the meeting) and the problem has been resolved.

Q - Where does the money for the swimming lessons go? Residents want to know where the money shows in the accounts.

A - Into SDS accounts.

Q - Can residents refuse to have scaffolding on their property?

A. - No, they can't.

Q - Use of lounge for mums and children?

A - No, from Robert. Reason: food and drink spillages, but main reason is children playing with/on the pool tables and are not supervised. Cars have been stuck in the holes so it had to be taken apart.

Q - What building insurance do we have and why is the excess so different? Why is the access charge for the building insurance so high? It's been £500 but is now £1500? £2500?

A - Due to many claims the charge has gone up for some blocks.

Q - Residents would like to know if the rate can be renegotiated to a lower fee? Same for everyone?

A - Brittis will speak to Robert and see what's the case. (Some blocks have more problems than others, is it fair for blocks with only a few claims to help and pay for other blocks?)

Q - Why did Robert refuse to let staff give evidence in the court case for Derek?

Q - Derek want to know what can be done for him as he will not pay the access fee. Derek to send evidence to the committee.

A - Brittis is not sure what we can do to help. The owner above that caused the leak refuse to pay. Under the impression all had been fixed in Derek's flat, but he says no.

Q - Can we have a health check on each property to check for leaks and have them attended to?

A - Yes, but who will pay. Some residents in the meeting think SDSRA should drive for this.

Q - Can the houses have a fob for the pool/gym?

A - No, as it gives access to the blocks, they don't want to pay and a fob can be given out. Everyone MUST sign in, even if going in as a guest.

Q - Silverfish infestations in some flats/blocks. Can pest control spray communal area? What will owners have to pay to have the flat sprayed?

Q - Nicolas Atkinson told the meeting FirstPort is not allowed to charge a personal trainer/swim instructor. He will be sending SDSRA evidence from a related court case.

Q - Parking by staff from Island Point on our spaces need to be taken care off. Brittis told the meeting it's been addressed and dealt with.

Q - Abusive language to staff must stop. We should all step in if we witness this.

Q - Subletting? What's been done.

A - FP is checking known apartments and writing to owners. Also checking online websites for lettings. Please inform them if you know anyone subletting.

FP to have a resident meeting.

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21 residents attended the AGM / 16 were members

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