

Present:

Executive Members: Richard Mathews (RM) President
Val Crosby-Clarke (VCC) Chair
David Vousden (DV) Secretary & Vice-Chair
Jennie Ogden (JO) Treasurer
John Coupland (JC) Recycling
Linda Rose (LR) Mins Sec & Advertising
Clive Sayer (CS) CMRA
Sue O'Sullivan (SOS) LLRA
Karen Vousden (KV)
Nicholette Deakin (ND)

Attendees: Mike Swaddling (MS) Composition Editor
Ramkumar Limbu (RL) Chair, Nepalese Community
Netra Thapa (NT) Vice-Chair, Nepalese Community

Min	Topic	Who	Status
1	<u>Apologies/Absent</u> Michael Weston (MW) Copy Editor Diane Wilson (DW) Magazine Distribution		
2	<u>Accuracy of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Approval of the minutes was given by e-mail and confirmed at the meeting.		
3	<u>Matters Arising</u> January 17 The name of the company used by Sandhurst Voluntary Care has been passed to DV, and a quote for insurance obtained £344. This is much cheaper than the existing payment of £601. The details will be checked to ensure that our needs are covered.	DV	
	September 17 5.1 Leaflets about Counselling Service Check in the library for availability of the leaflets.	LR	c/fwd
	9.5 Committee Approach a It was decided that information on past achievements would be better used as an introduction to the AGM. List to be sent to RM. b Detail on the demographics of Sandhurst will be requested from the council to inform the discussion on encouraging more resident participation. c Inclusion of a digest of the minutes in the magazine to be considered.	LR MS ALL	 c/fwd c/fwd

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	December 17								
	<p>9.1 Day Centre Charges</p> <p>Owing to a steep reduction in council funding for the Day Centre, a charge will be made for use of the facilities. This will amount to £255 for all meetings in 2018, including the AGM, but not the Distributors Party. An invoice will be sent.</p>	DV	Closed						
	<p>9.2 Speeding on Laundry Lane</p> <p>Jean Bettison and Michael Brossard are using the speed gun in various locations around Sandhurst. There was no response to the email sent to Gary Campion.</p>	CS	c/fwd						
4	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Figures as at</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,260.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25,417.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32,678.06</td> </tr> </table>	Current Account	£7,260.39	Reserve Account	£25,417.67	Total	£32,678.06		
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5	<p><u>Donations</u></p> <p>5.1 St Michaels Winspire Project</p> <p>A letter has been received from St Michaels inviting us to contribute again to the Winspire project. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that, providing the previous donation was more than a year ago, £1,000 would be given.</p> <p>Following the meeting it was confirmed that the previous donation was over 12 months ago.</p>	JO							
5.2	<p>Motorsport team</p> <p>An application for a donation to a motorsport for £4,000 towards the cost and upkeep of a car for motorsport racing has been received by email. The committee felt that this type of sponsorship is not really in keeping with the sort of donation that we get involved in. We could offer a half page free in the magazine for the applicant to put his plea for sponsorship in there.</p>	MS							
5.3	<p>Freedom March</p> <p>Sandhurst Town Council have asked for contributions towards the costs of running the Freedom March fun day on 23rd June 2018. Options available were £3,500 for the main stage; £2,500 for the</p>	VCC							

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	<p>evening fireworks and £1,000 for printing of programmes.</p> <p>The option of printing programmes was of interest, but this was to be 1 of 4 sponsors for the programme, a total of £4,000. As the SRA magazine costs around £2,500 to produce 8000 52-page colour booklets, this seems extravagant. More information is required before any commitment is made.</p>		
6	<u>Magazine</u>		
6.1	<p>There were some printing issues with the last magazine, with two copies reported as having pages misplaced and repeated. Some also had pages with faint and blurry printing, and 2 complaints were received about this. New pdfs have been used.</p> <p>A short meeting was held to ensure everyone is up to date with the progress of the magazine for March, which will go to the printers on Wednesday 21st February.</p>	LR MS MW	Closed
7	<u>Website</u>		
	All updated.		
8	<u>Recycling</u>		
	<p>Leaflets have been received through the post detailing the updates to the items that can be placed in the blue bin. Copies are attached.</p> <p>The collection of small electrical items scheduled at Sandhurst School for 24th March has been cancelled as the council feels it is not sufficiently used. However, these items can be handed in at the Council offices on the park.</p>		
9	<u>AOB</u>		
	<p>Ramkumar Limbu, Chair of the Nepalese Community Committee, gave a short speech on the activities of the Nepalese community in Sandhurst. There are between 400 and 500 people, mostly housed in the Silver Hill area. They are trying to integrate by participating in community activities such as litter picking, organising car parking for the Day Centre fun day, and running a curry stall on the Freedom March days. Language is still an issue, especially for older members.</p> <p>They are running the College Town Post Office and trying their best as there is a lot to learn. However, they have experienced some unacceptable behaviour in the shop as a result.</p> <p>They need some help in finding locations for their meetings.</p> <p>The children are born and educated here, and the community have the same requirements as other Sandhurst residents, namely, to live in a safe and secure environment in harmony and peace with the wider community.</p>		

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9.1	The committee discussed Ramkumar's comments after he had to leave and some questions were raised about the requirements of the community. RL will be contacted to obtain further clarification. Following the meeting: A reply to the email has been received and copied to the committee.	LR	
9.2	Establish whether English lessons are still available for the Nepalese.	SOS	
	The Day Centre are hosting a Curry Lunch on Sunday 18 th March at 1pm. Book by calling Carole on 01344 771431.		
	The Rackstraw Farm sign has been added to the post by the road.		
	A mail was sent to the council to query the rise in the brown bin charge from £40 to £50, and the fact that payments by cheque are not accepted. Following the meeting: A response from Paul Bettison has been received and copied to the committee.		
	With the closure of the Nat West bank in Sandhurst, any cheques to be paid in can be handed in at the Post Office in a supplied envelope. This will be forwarded to the bank for processing. It is recommended that cheques be copied before submission.		
	The committee were reminded that executive meetings are closed. Residents are welcome to attend to raise a particular item of concern but this must be addressed at the beginning of the meeting and normal business carried out once the resident has left.		
	The meeting closed at 10:00 pm.		

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Approve Previous Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Donations
6. Magazine
7. Website
8. Recycling
9. AOB

Proposed meeting dates for 2018 are:

Monday 19th February
Monday 19th March
Monday 16th April
Monday 21 May
Monday 18th June
Monday 16th July – AGM – tbc
No meeting in August
Monday 17th September
Monday 15th October
Monday 19th November
No meeting in December