



Royale Dunton Court Residents Association

meeting date: 29/9/2022

Location: Royale Dunton Court Clubhouse

Start time. 20:00.

Finish time. 22:00

Present.

Chair: Gary Peckham

Treasurer: Sheila Hobman

Helping hands coordinator: Lynda Gould

Council Members: Mick Hilton, Pat Moore, Denise Rayner

+ Two members observing.

Apologies

Pat Stapleton, Terry Rose, Pat Smith, Laurie Gould

1. The chair opened the meeting and welcomed a park resident Joy who works in Highways so she shared more information on the upcoming roadworks on Lower Dunton Road. After a helpful chat, it was agreed that Joy would ask the contractor if they would have time to attend our AGM to take any questions from our members.
2. Minutes of our last meeting on 14 July were agreed and signed off.
3. Reports -

Secretary - not in attendance

Treasurer - Sheila raised a concern at how the association will continue to run without changing a membership fee.

Committee discussed the two options -

a) having an annual membership fee b) continuing to take costs from the events we run.

Denise Rayner kindly offered to help with printing/paper costs for newsletters via her trades union, It was agreed that from now on, we submit such invoices to Denise and she would get the costs covered via Unite. The committee unanimously thanked Denise for her generous help.

It was felt that other than this, running costs would be minimal so the association would continue with the model of free membership and taking any costs from our general funds.

Shelia confirmed that she'd prepared a full set of accounts for our AGM.

Equalities - Denise

The roads/pavements/streelighting report was circulated and agreed to be sent to Royale.

Communications - James

James said that he was disappointed that it took a lot of effort and time to put the newsletter together, but there was little feedback from residents or responses to our requests/questions. James proposed lessening the frequency of the newsletter to once every 3 months instead of every two months. It was also felt that we have over 90 members on our Facebook group and the website gets regular visitors and these digital ways of keeping in touch were much more up-to-the-minute.

We agreed to ask members at the AGM what they felt about the newsletter.

James explained the process of responsibility with the defib.

No maintenance required - James just checks all's ok with the machine a few times a week. Batteries last around 5 years and cost £300 to replace. The pads that attach to the person's body are £88 a set. The current set expires 22 Oct 2026 but has to be replaced sooner if used.

No update on 2nd defib - councillor still waiting for funds

Entertainment - Mick/Julie

The committee discussed the fact that even though we are volunteering our time to help Royale run the entertainment, unfortunately Royale would not support us if something unforeseen happened that meant an event had to be cancelled. One scenario was put forward that Kim could have to take unexpected time off sick and if this coincided with one of our events we

would be liable to the entertainer's cancellation fee. As an entertainer himself James advised that 100% of the fee would almost certainly be due if we cancelled acts within 30 days of a function.

The committee discussed if this was a liability we were happy to take because one cancellation could clear out our funds. We had come up with contingency plans but Royale had rejected them.

It was agreed that we continue with our Nov/Dec programme of events and relook at the situation in January.

Helping Hands - Lynda

Lynda reported that Helping Hands remained popular and successful and the committee thanked her and her helpers for all their work.

4. The committee discussed the logistics of the forthcoming AGM. How we'd ensure that at least 20% of members were in attendance and how election of officers and motions work.
5. The committee discussed our meeting with Royale on 18 July which are already subject to minutes published at the time.
6. Members had left the room by the time members' questions came up so nothing to report.
7. No other business.

Meeting closed at 22:00