

**MINUTES OF**  
**ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURS. 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Peter Schriewersmann – Resident (Chair)  
 Andy Blackmore – LCC  
 Kenny Brew – LCC  
 Maureen Delij – Resident  
 Steven Ellis - Tesco  
 Amy Gallagher - LCC  
 Sean McCarthy – LCC  
 Phil Morgan - Resident  
 Cath Morton - LCC  
 Sean O'Neill – Resident (part)  
 Hannah Nelson – Merseyside Police  
 Gillian Paterson-Fox – Resident  
 Will Rowlands – Merseyside Police  
 Marilyn Scott - Resident  
 Emlyn Williams – Rodney St. Residents Association (part)  
 Hetty Wood – LCC (part)  
 Paula Deboo – Minutes

**APOLOGIES:**

Terry Eleftheriou – Resident  
 Paul Farrell – LCC and Environmental Health Team  
 Christine Kerr – Merseyside Police  
 Richard Sharp – Resident

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<p><b>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies given as above. Introductions of all attendees made.</p>	

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<p><b>2. <u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Minutes agreed without changes.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>DELIVEROO / DOMINO'S DRIVERS</u></b></p> <p>The service these companies offer is having an impact on the safety of the community. Whether they are on motor bikes, scooters or bicycles, they do not seem to have any regard for the Highway Code. They are not sticking to the roads but are also mounting the pavements. It appears the amount of motor bikes seems to have reduced; yet the number of cycles increased. Cyclists are to abide by the same rules as drivers; stick to the roads, cannot be intoxicated, etc. There have been a couple of incidents reported to the Group whereby residents have been knocked / almost knocked over by Deliveroo drivers on the pavements! Do they have insurance? If the company employs them, could the company insure them? Roads are unfortunately not structured for cycling (German example).</p> <p>EW iterated that it is not only Deliveroo and Domino's drivers who are putting the safety of the community at risk, but also drug dealers or abusers as they are in such haste.</p> <p>Domino's scooters also come onto the pedestrian zone at the bottom of Bold Street, etc. If vehicles are caught on the pedestrian zone between the hours of 10am – 6pm they can be given a ticket. Most Deliveroo and Domino's vehicles seem to have 'L' plates. HW will look into this.</p> <p>Deliveroo drivers are all self-employed and therefore you are dealing with individuals and not a company, therefore this should be an enforcement matter. Education and enforcement is needed. PS will look into a code of conduct for these companies; he will approach them to promote this to their drivers. Building Managers in residential blocks / restaurants could then remind the drivers' of this code when they are making their deliveries.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>PS</p>



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<p><u><b>NOISE</b></u> AB had an update from PF, confirming there is nothing on the radar at the moment; last one was Rum. Met with owners and went over the issue; they were getting a sound engineer and there have been no complaints since. (Rum has now been renamed.)</p> <p><u><b>Waste Collections</b></u> The noise is much better than it was. Occasionally still happens on a Sunday.</p> <p><u><b>Alarm Bells</b></u> Richard Sharp reported that alarm bells on premises have been going off causing a nuisance. PS will speak to RS to identify where.</p> <p><u><b>LITTER</b></u> WH is vigilant in the Ropewalks. He is issuing fixed penalties when he needs to. Level of fixed penalties has changed and he can fix up to £400 on the spot. Vehicles can also be seized. There is a clamp down on fly-tipping across the city. ITV doing an article on it; where councils have more power. On Duke Street (where a building was converted into residential) waste still being left out permanently (next to car park), due to bin-store being converted into flat. Issue for planning enforcement. There is litter thrown all over the pavement by St. Luke's. The team serving food should put more effort into picking this up. GFP iterated that on Henry Street at 10.30am on a Sunday there is vomit everywhere and she feels this is due to the turnaround of people; but she does not feel it is a problem with the Council getting round to cleaning it, it is more the people not taking responsibility. PS reiterated that if we do not raise the issue, it is not going to be sorted. Evidence based is what it is all about. There are helium deposits left outside 'Weekend Serviced Apartments'. Enforcement is the only way forward. A lot of waste left over comes under the Night Time Economy. By all working together the matters might be brought to central government.</p>	<p>PS/ RS</p> <p>Planning</p>



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<p>EW iterated that the Council can do something; stop developers putting up blocks for stay and students. HW feels there should be greater restrictions from National Government; national development laws do not come from Liverpool.</p> <p><u>Back Bold Street</u> On Sun. 5/3/17 – two sections of un-adopted road will be cleaned. Pressure is on businesses to keep it this way. The only way this is going to happen is by fixed penalties. BID are changing the alley gates.</p> <p><u>Graffiti</u> CM iterated that there is a massive problem with graffiti. There is a small number of very active ‘taggers’. Council are working with Police to try and identify the culprits and take action. These are not kids, but men aged 20-30 years old. They are quite active and go city-wide. There has also been sticker bombing and bubble-writing. Need to obtain evidence on them with the spray can actually in their hand. Businesses need to check their properties and report it if targeted. If targeted check their CCTV (which can be used as evidence).</p> <p><u>Street Sleepers / Beggars</u> MD iterated that there’s a group of street drinkers at St. Luke’s and one guy knocked into her and was quite aggressive. Where the benches are at St. Luke’s, there are a group of people who feed them. PS iterated that this is not an official site to give food. There are a few Groups who keep handing out food to the people at this site; but the people on the street are then not using the services there to help them. The re-opening of St. Luke’s will have a positive impact on these steps. ‘Professional beggars’ appear to be operating in the city, as well as others and enforcements against professional beggars need to be tackled. 12-15 beggars is the official count; rest are professional beggars. David Carter (Whitechapel) said it is a very complex topic to separate these beggars into beggars / professional beggars.</p>	<p>KB</p>



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<p>All myths need to be dispelled. Hostels will take people with animals. 5.30am you will not see many on the street as the 'night shift' (begging) finished. People are travelling from outside the area to beg. People are playing on people's generosity.</p> <p>The Group are aware that there are real people in need and some are willing to accept help and others are not.</p> <p>When people witness groups of people / individuals being drunk and aggressive they must be careful around them and report it to the Police. WR iterated that people are not reporting it sufficiently at the moment. Neighbourhood Team phone number to go on the footer of the Minutes.</p> <p>When giving money to those in need; please be wary. May be more beneficial to give to the Change Campaign or Whitechapel direct.</p> <p>There are works that happen behind all this street activity; council cleaners have to clean up after them; which includes contaminated waste.</p> <p>SON iterated that things are changing and residents and businesses should report constantly to the Police, if nothing else. There's been a Bold Street meeting with traders and the BID and there are lots of things going on which will make a difference. The whole street is like one big family; traders, Police, Council, BID and the people are all working together.</p> <p>Shops are taking ownership of their street. If this works, it can be spread out to follow the same model. SON will give an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>SON said the proposed Bold Street plan will filter out all the things that are not reported. All will be positive messages. There will be a Bold Street custodian / warden. It is about having 24 hours eyes and ears. PS feels you have better rights when it is your land.</p> <p>GPF iterated that there is a lot of sentiment towards the beggars. If beggars are exploited, dismissed or acted against, customers will not go into that shop.</p>	<p>PS / PD</p>

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<p><b>4. <u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>AGM</u></b> It was a good debate and set out what was going on during this calendar year. PS was re-elected as Chair.</p> <p><b><u>CIC UPDATE</u></b> Proposals, hopefully funded by Section 106 monies, looking at ways to improve Duke Street (and other parts of the Ropewalks' public realm). Includes heritage trail on Duke Street. Additional positive signage will be going up. Within the next 12 months you will see a change on Duke Street. Iliad Group are responsible for the artwork on the building facing Il Forno. The people who commissioned it (John and Moira, Sound Agents) are opening a Chinese Museum (Great Duke Street).</p> <p><b><u>HIGHWAYS REVIEW UPDATE</u></b> Changes around Argyle Street will happen by the end of February. Signs currently being made. A wider Ropewalks traffic review is currently launching. Opportunities to participate in consultation to be advised.</p> <p><b><u>LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></b> Not going to pursue the LN legislation, as Council does not like it. Cllr. Munby and HW organising an away day and will shape what we think and what the vision for the Ropewalks should be going forward. This will happen within the next three months.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>HW</p>
<p><b>5. <u>LICENSING / PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>The group (and relevant Council officers) continue to monitor every new application that comes through and deal with them appropriately.</p> <p><b><u>Blood &amp; Bandages (Roscoe St.)</u></b> Due to go to Committee 16/2/17. On-going issue.</p>	

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<p><b><u>15-17 Duke Street</u></b> AB met with the operators. It's more of a boutique hotel (by Arthouse). Happy with it. Licensed to open till midnight, restaurant residents only; no residents' guests after this time.</p> <p><b><u>Signature Living – Arthouse Square</u></b> This goes before Committee on 21/2/17. When they came in they were new to CIP. They wanted residential bar and compromised to midnight with residents only after midnight. They wanted general public till 2am and residents with guests, but this was objected. Goes to Committee on 21/2/17. (No direct consultation by SL with residents on this application.)</p> <p><b><u>Campbell Square</u></b> Campbell Square is not in CIP. Cannot operate past midnight as a condition of their planning condition. Rather than going to appeal, going to see if there are any issues that can be settled now. To appeal at magistrates it costs approx. £400.</p> <p>If as a Group you send a case why you think this should be in CIP, they will look at it and it may come to review.</p> <p><b><u>Amalia</u></b> AB to double check but he thinks this is a 2am licence with everyone off the premises by 3am. License stays on the building.</p> <p><b><u>DÉJÀ VU</u></b> There have been several cars parked on the side causing obstruction.</p>	AB
<p><b>6. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ROPEWALKS CLEAN UP</u></b> Keep Britain Tidy Clean is suggested for 4/3/17. Businesses want to get involved too. PS will do some PR on this. CM and WH will organise it.</p>	PS/ CM & WH



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<p><b><u>POLICE UPDATE RECENT INCIDENTS</u></b> Recent theft from cars (going up Mount Pleasant) and London Road whereby Council parking permits (visitor) have been stolen. Keep all valuables safe. CM mentioned that there is a website that advertises parking spaces around the city on match days; could be worth looking into this site.</p> <p>HW iterated that they are looking at changing the passes (maybe put vehicle registration on them). WR confirmed there has been an increase recently in theft on business premises. One of which was four men who made away with a bit of money. Be vigilant. It is difficult to get through on the 101 telephone number; could this be made easier?</p> <p><b><u>RECYCLING</u></b> New organisation on Bold Street are considering a recycling point. Not all Council recycling bags have been delivered to all apartment blocks but will be by the end of March. Feedback of current users positive. (Some require new bags over time.)</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at FACT (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wood Street, Liverpool – note the code for the lift is 3212).</p>	