

MINUTES OF
ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD ON THURS. 18TH AUGUST 2016

PRESENT:

Peter Schriewersmann – Resident (Chair)
 Kenny Brew – LCC (*part*)
 Nick Doran – LCC (*part*)
 Steve Dunn – Resident
 Terry Eleftheriou – Resident (*part*)
 Paul Farrell – LCC (*part*)
 Amy Gallagher - LCC
 Christine Kerr – Merseyside Police
 Sean McCarthy – LCC
 Patrick Mussard - FACT
 Samiq Nuriyev – Resident
 Gillian Paterson-Fox - Resident
 Gregory Scott-Gurner – Resident
 Richard Sharp – Resident (*part*)
 Ged Thompson – LCC
 Emlyn Williams – Rodney St. Residents Association (*part*)
 Hetty Wood - LCC
 Paula Deboo – Minutes

APOLOGIES:

Andy Edwards – Resident
 Wael Alhashash – Resident
 Jill Harris - Resident
 Mal Harris – Resident
 Pete Owens – Merseyside Police
 Sam Pickup - Resident

DATE: 16th September 2016

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| <p>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies given as above. Introductions of all attendees made. Meetings are held on a Thursday (daytime) to enable people from the relevant operations to attend (e.g. Liverpool City Council and Police), along with the residents.</p> | |

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| <p>2. <u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>Minutes agreed without changes. Ropewalks Residents' Association website to be updated with latest minutes.</p> | PS |
| <p>3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</u></p> <p><u>ESCORT AGENCY STICKERS ON BOLD STREET / HANOVER STREET AREA</u> La Femme (who are responsible) have also taken to putting flyer posters on street furniture outside of the City Centre. KB and his team are still trying to engage in conversation with La Femme but have been unsuccessful in meeting with them. On-going.</p> <p><u>CITY CENTRE RECYCLING & NEW BINS</u> Blue bins on Seel Street (No. 102) are still not being emptied. SMcC will pass this issue to his manager. GSG requests that the 3 bins be collected. New tenants are not always aware of the recycling procedure. HW iterated that the Management Company should be making their tenants aware. AG iterated that there are to be new kits for new residents to educate them.</p> <p>New compactor bins (Big Belly Bins – which keep the rubbish contained) on Bold Street are solar powered and are currently on trial for six weeks; they hold six times the amount of rubbish than the standard bins. They are wi-fi enabled and send a signal when they need emptying; therefore you will not need as many bins around the city. This trial will be analysed at the end of the six weeks. Chester currently have 90 and Nottingham have 130. Other bins will also go on trial over the next few months. In regards to littering, there is still a zero tolerance scheme in place with a fixed penalty of £80.</p> | <p>KB</p> <p>SMcC</p> |

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| <p><u>BACK BOLD STREET</u> This area is used by all traders to put their litter, etc. and it is then cleared. However, often it is in a mess as it attracts people looking for places to sleep / going through the rubbish looking for food, etc. It has been an issue for a while and KB and BID have been addressing this situation. LCC and BID have been working with Viola to encourage all businesses on Back Bold Street to go with them. It is also being used as an emergency fire exit for Network Rail, who have jet washed it and are resealing it. There's a lot of work going on there and the Council hope to encourage businesses to respect the area, otherwise they have no option but to enforce fines. Section 47 has been re-served (the top end of Back Bold Street). If they ignore the fines they will go to court. Could also put a condition on the licence. (Starbucks fined £160K for putting bins out in Westminster.)</p> <p><u>DUKE STREE (PREMISES NEXT TO ACL)</u> Bin store should be finished by 19/8/16.</p> <p><u>Peacocks & Moloko</u> Management jet washes St. Peter's Square daily.</p> <p><u>LAND BY COHENS</u> The land next to Cohens is being used for fly-tipping, food dumping, etc. JPF to email photographic evidence to GT.</p> <p>GSG observed that since there has been so many buildings being demolished it has created a rat problem. KB is addressing this. There is a lot of work going on in the sewers to try and combat this problem.</p> <p>There has been real progress and a good effort but we must not become complacent.</p> | <p>KB/ BID</p> |

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| <p><u>PURPLE FLAG</u> Purple Flag status is more about behaviour rather than cleanliness; it's the turnaround from the night time economy to the day time economy. This status was renewed last October and is due for an interim inspection again this October. KB is going back to Town and City Admin to suggest that it is inspected every 18 months as opposed to every 12 months, due the strain the inspections put on workloads. KB to liaise with PS in case of any requirements from Residents' Association.</p> <p>PF iterated that NT is not due back in work until April 2017 and a member of Environmental Health will endeavour to attend the meetings in NT's absence.</p> | <p>KB/ PS</p> <p>PF</p> |
| <p><u>DELIVEROO DRIVERS</u> Some drivers are disturbing the residents due to the excessive noise from the exhausts on their vehicles. They all seem to have 'L' plates on their vehicles, which questions whether they are suitably insured for the commercial vehicle but it is the noise that is disturbing the residents. PF iterated that there is nothing Env. Health can do about noise from the street unless they are breaking the law, in which case it is then a matter for the Police. PS to forward evidence to CK.</p> | <p>PS</p> |
| <p><u>TICKY JOES</u> Doors need to be closed. The disturbance from the noise emanating from this bar continues and there have been a couple of complaints. However one resident who has complained has refused to give access to her property previously, therefore evidence has not been obtained. A weekly team (ND and other officers) go out and once in a while will target this area. The team will always investigate any complaints and target with the resources they have. However, there is nothing Env. Health can do without actual complaints and the relevant evidence. Environmental Health Officers will need access to a resident's property to witness the noise disturbance and PF will personally be ready to attend to check. ND confirmed that Ian Rushforth was dealing with the above matter and Tiki Joes have been told that if Env. Health do witness statutory nuisance</p> | |



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| <p>they will be taking action against the bar as they have been served a notice, which stays in place and if it is witnessed again or Env. Health believe a statutory nuisance is likely to exist, then action can be taken. The team will be going in unannounced.</p> <p><u>BLUE ANGEL</u> Residents continue to complain about the impact of the outside speaker (onto Seel Street). PF confirmed, that no nuisance (from this speaker) has been officially witnessed by LCC so far. Richard Sharp (resident on Colquitt St.) iterated that following a complaint he made regarding the noise, the NNT came out to the bar and they turned down the speaker. RS to forward PF the email correspondence. PF will look at the records and look at this again. RS confirmed that about 9 months ago he also spoke to Mike (Blue Angel) regarding the noise and told him that Env. Health were on the phone witnessing the noise and the speaker was turned down. GPF iterated that there was a similar situation (Cuban Bar) approx. 4 years ago and their licensing hours were stripped right back (in regards to outside usage of speakers). Why can't this be done with this bar? PF stressed that Environmental Health require evidence to act. Video evidence is not acceptable. Additional query raised surrounding use of backyard until 6am.</p> <p><u>BREW DOG</u> SD originally was not happy that there was to be a bar right where he was living but it has turned out not to be a nuisance. It is licenced till midnight; they did ask for longer hours but it was objected. The only complaint SD now has is the cigarette stubs which are left in the shelter area of Manolis Yard (where their customers come for shelter when they are smoking outside).</p> | |

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| <p><u>ROUGH SLEEPERS</u> SD iterated that more people appear to be sleeping on the streets in and around the Bold Street area. If it is a sustained problem you can call the Police. The Police are liaising with BID to educate the public not to keep giving to them (instead informing relevant organisations). CK attends a Multi-Agency meeting and the same names keep coming up. A Yellow/Red card scheme was used to obtain a database. Unless the Police are informed about them, they cannot act upon it. The rough sleepers are drawn to certain areas (e.g. building on Duke Street) and more businesses are gating up their areas where they tend to go. CK is speaking to the business in the problematic areas. Generally they are quite passive people when you speak to them, although they do tend to be more aggressive towards each other.</p> <p>The root cause, of some of the issues encountered, is that the public are too generous. A wider approach (incl relevant support organisations) is required and not just tackling the symptoms (giving money/ food and calling the Police to tackle anti-social behaviour).</p> | |
| <p>4. <u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES</u></p> <p><u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION</u> A new Ropewalks website is being designed, guided by the overall Ropewalks CIC. The Residents' Association is inputting to the process.</p> <p><u>LITTER PICK</u> This was a success, with traders also involved (25th June). Another one is due in October. Date to be confirmed when possible.</p> <p><u>CIC UPDATE</u> PS, as a resident and Chair of this association, has got a permanent place on the Board of the Ropewalks CIC, who in turn feed into that 'Quarters' Collective'. The CIC are looking at a few projects for the community; to make the Ropewalks greener – e.g. vertical gardens (which will need to be installed and maintained). It was suggested that The Grapes (Knight St., nr Roscoe St.) could be a possible venue for a garden.</p> | |



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| <p>5. <u>LICENSING / PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p><u>CIP</u> It is the responsibility of new applicants to show how they avoid a negative impact on the CIP area (i.e. Ropewalks). HW confirmed that Ropewalks CIP will now stay in place. Ropewalks is a much better place to live now than it was 5 years ago.</p> <p>In general, PF iterated that if Env. Health are concerned they will put in a condition and if the person granted the licence feel the condition is unfair then they will be advised to put in a variation. When a Licence comes in it goes to Ian Rushford. If there are any concerns or if any previous with an application or bar, that is taken into account. Env. Health will always speak to the applicant. There will be more impact with a noise limiter put in as a condition than a report.</p> <p><u>104 SEEL STREET</u> There was recently a Planning & Licence Application. A condition on this bar was to have a noise survey done before it opens and PF said it is not necessary. PS disagreed. PS iterated that originally the owners said it was going to be a restaurant, yet when he went to the Committee Meeting they were not happy with the condition to only serve alcohol with a sit down meal; so a condition was put in to protect the neighbour. People can apply for a variation but will want another variation to safeguard the resident. The new operators have gone for a restaurant with background music (indoors only). PS and GSG would like to meet with them to work out the sound barrier.</p> <p><u>WOLSTENHOLME SQUARE</u> PS has been speaking to the developers (more than one developer) on a regular basis and also the general manager of Be at One (located on the bottom right of Seel Street) to ensure it sticks within the scope we all want. There will be lots of residents moving in shortly.</p> | <p>HW</p> <p>PS/ GSG</p> |

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| <p>6. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>HIGHWAYS</u> HW & PS presented Ian Wiggins' update on the one-way system on Seel Street and the tactical improvements (e.g. Zebra crossing on Duke St. / Colquitt St.). The junction of Duke St. / Colquitt St. has been monitored and it has been agreed a crossing will be put in place. This may take a while. Tactical and strategic assessments are required then it goes to consultancy. GSG commented that a road closure (Seel Street) at the weekend during the evenings would assist in the flow of traffic. IW is already looking at blocking off Seel St. of a night for a few hours. Outside of this meeting JPF has brought to the attention of Steve Munby Seddon St/Argyle St., as cars are parked and are blocking access for serviced vehicles. This area is used as a rat-run. HW confirmed that this area will be made one way, with Pay and Display and residents' parking. Residents should be receiving a letter and map shortly.</p> <p><u>ARTHOUSE SQUARE</u> Signature Living operations have now opened. There is the possibility that the Square is going to be converted into a building at some stage. When the operators decide what they propose to do with the outside space, we will review.</p> | <p>HW & PS</p> |
| <p>7. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>To be confirmed.</p> | |