

**MINUTES OF**  
**ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**HELD ON WED. 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Peter Schriewersmann – Resident (Chair)  
Tim Davies – Merseyside Police  
Caitlin Hare – Student Rep.  
Jamie Hartley – Merseyside Police  
Diana Heredia – Resident  
Maureen Hulme – Resident  
Alan Johnson – Merseyside Cycling Campaign  
Thrusha Maharaj – Resident  
Thomas Moezer – Resident  
Phyl Morgan - Resident  
Gillian Paterson-Fox – Resident  
John Roberts – Merseyside Police  
Mal Scott – Resident  
Gregory Scott-Gurner – Resident  
Sophie – Resident  
Ged Thompson – LCC  
Scott Wellard – Resident  
Hetty Wood - LCC  
Paula Deboo – Minutes

**APOLOGIES:**

Andy Blackmore – LCC  
Kenny Brew – LCC  
Heather Corcoran - Resident  
Terry Eleftheriou – Resident  
Stephen Fitzsimmons – Cream  
Wes Hartless - LCC  
Andi Herring - BID  
Jacqui Keeler – Merseyside Police  
Sean O'Neill – Resident

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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<p><b>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies given as above. Introductions of all attendees made.</p>	
<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>NOISE ISSUES</u></b> No one has reported any recent/ new noise issues.</p> <p><b><u>BACK OF INK BAR</u></b> Sophie iterated that the fire escape is being used for a smoking area which is also creating a lot of noise. PS will check out the licenses. Sophie to email full description to PS. LCC need to witness the noise, which may take time.</p> <p><b><u>ARTHOUSE</u></b> TMa iterated the generating noise seems to come from the chimney/ extractor fan and it seems to be more so in the winter. TMa to email Lawrence Kenwright direct and tell him what she's done to try and achieve a resolution.</p> <p><b><u>LCC – RECORDING DEVICE</u></b> AJ mentioned a recording device that may be placed in Sophie's home for evidence. PS will investigate this device. PM confirmed that she has had the recording device in her home before and has requested it again due to the disturbance from her neighbouring Gym, but was told the one the Council currently have is of poor quality and they are replacing it. Several months ago she went on the waiting list and is still waiting. PS mentioned monies available in Ropewalks Residents which may be used to purchase the device/s. PS to action.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PS SOPHIE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TMa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p>



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<p><u>Q-PARK (BY JOHN LEWIS)</u> GPF iterated that the problem with the ramp to the car park has not been resolved. GPF to follow up with Angela Robertson via email (copying in PS) and PS will try to arrange a meeting.</p> <p><u>BEGGARS / HOMELESSNESS</u> GSG iterated that these people are always outside Tesco and Home Bargains on Hanover Street and the Blue Angel. Police confirmed they are looking at it. Several beggars come into the city centre with their dogs. MS iterated that the ones outside Hanover Street have been there for years; plus they are now camping under tents. Many of these people do not necessarily live in the city. There are agencies there to help these people, but many people do not want to be helped. The public do not necessarily want to be told what to do with their money, so they keep giving to beggars in good faith. The same is happening in other UK cities and there's talk of introducing a scheme whereby the public can make donations in the city centres using cards. PM suggests a poster campaign which is blatantly in the public eye, clearly displaying the resources where these people can spend the night and get off the street, and educating the public to stop funding their addictions. PS will take this suggestion forward. Sophie agreed that the posters for 'no second night out' and 'your kindness kills' were effective. Sophie would like more information on how to help these people and SW iterated that Whitechapel hold afternoon seminars regularly for residents, which he found helpful. PS has spoken to many agencies regarding this situation and it is very complex. It is a joint multi-agency task. Beside a beggar patch there's often a huge pool of vomit; along with the rest of their debris which causes obstruction. Publically there are a huge amount of people hailing Lawrence Kenwright but groups are aware of mess left behind. You cannot pin the blame on one person, or party.</p>	<p>GPF</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>

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<p>No matter what the council do to try and ease this problem, they still get criticised on social media; it is a very sensitive issue. Social media has a strong impact on politicians, hence social media cannot be ignored. The 051 is private land and the owners paid LCC to clear up the mess left by the homeless. There were sharps, etc. and whilst carrying out this task the workers were verbally abused from across the street from the public at a bus stop. LCC become victims themselves. Liverpool appears to be falling over itself with political correctness.</p> <p><u>RECYCLING</u> If you have a problem with recycling engage with Kay Bailey (<a href="mailto:kay.bailey@liverpool.gov.uk">kay.bailey@liverpool.gov.uk</a>). Sophie has a problem with Blue Bins being collected and DH mentioned she had a contact number which TM will forward to PS for distribution. PS to email KB re. Sophie's scenario, a joint collection point and more education on what goes into the bins.</p> <p><u>KNIFE WANDS / SEARCHES</u> JR confirmed that the searches with knife wands do not take place during the day, although they are available in the vans. The Police need to have reasonable grounds for suspicion to carry out the search. They cannot happen all the time but will be sporadic. Knife wands are portable. JT iterated that although there have been 3 deaths in area, they are isolated and people were targeted.</p> <p><u>CONCERT SQUARE APARTMENT – THANKS</u> Jamie Motlagh (owner of several city centre bars) has been very responsive to us. Residents on Concert Square complained that their steps were getting very dirty and JM rectified this by getting his staff to clean their steps free of charge several times a week (as they were cleaning their own). GT iterated that the dirt is now going into the street. PS will speak with JM.</p>	<p>TM &amp; PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>

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<p><b>4. <u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>HIGHWAYS REVIEW UPDATE</u></b>            Consultation is still on-going. If you would like to put any views forward please email Emily Byrne (LCC – <a href="mailto:emily.byrne@liverpool.gov.uk">emily.byrne@liverpool.gov.uk</a>) or PS, who will put them forward. This is the opportunity for us to get it right. GPF points will be put forward as she has raised her views.            AJ has looked at the plan and feels overall there's lots to like about it. There's cycle parking. Road surface seems to be quite good and cycle friendly. Seel Street – you could cycle up but now only down. This is a quieter road and a safer route, hence why people are still cycling up (wrong way). Seel Street likely to be reversed again.            Hanover Street and Bury Street seem to be the most reasonable route for cyclists into the city.</p> <p><b><u>UPDATE ON ROPEWALKS CIC</u></b>            Meetings ongoing with neighbours at Waterfront (Albert Dock) as well as the Baltic (connectivity, co-operation, etc.).</p> <p>Preparation ongoing for Ropewalks Summit. Planned to discuss issues in regards to 1) anti-social behaviour and security, as well as 2) green spaces and environmental issues. Cross sector participation (various organisations, incl day and night time operators and residents).</p> <p><b><u>ROPEWALKS COMMUNITY LITTER PICK</u></b>            Despite the torrential rain the litter pick went ahead on 07/04/18. A massive knife and sharps were found, reminding the community to be vigilant.</p> <p><b><u>ROPEWALKS SUMMIT</u></b>            The Ropewalks Summit held on 21/05/18. CIC is largely formed for community groups and Ropewalks has one. Both Jo Wright (FACT) and PS form part of the Ropewalks Stakeholder Group and will feed into this. Any comments, let PS know.            Quarter's Collective come together on a regular basis to discuss things such as Local Plan. Shape the place and lobby for things we actually want.</p>	

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<p><b>5. <u>LICENSING / PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Bowling Alley application has gone through and they were going to apply for longer hours but it was rejected by the Council.</p> <p>Home4Home's 6am licence application will not be put through as it falls under CIP. Onus on application to prove that that it would not be a nuisance to residents.</p> <p>No licencing applications at the moment that we are concerned about.</p> <p>SW iterated that the alleyway by Tesco is supposed to be closed until 2019.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>HOMEWATCH MINUTES</u></b> PS receives these Minutes and will continue to observe.</p> <p><b><u>POLICE UPDATE</u></b> We did have a problem with beggars coming from outside of Liverpool using the bars for their business. Recently applied for and was successful gathering injunctions for 5 individuals, who are now unable to enter this area. Two people already receiving 5 months for breaching this injunction. There was a hype of activity seen in the early months and implications on these incidents have been targeted. Should see an immediate difference. Targeted unit roam area to area looking to see an associate of these people who target and pick the individual up. Begging is an offence. Police been advised to summons them, not arrest them. If they are aggressive they can be dealt with. To focus on individuals Police have to compile evidence and criteria to get a CPO; it's a huge task.</p> <p><b><u>CYCLISTS</u></b> PS iterated that lots of people do not know that cyclists have to abide the same rules as motorists and the Police do challenge cyclists. A child 14</p>	

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<p>and under can ride on the pavement. If a cyclist rides through a red light they could have points on a virtual licence.</p> <p>MS feels that the inner city centre needs to display signs in pedestrianised areas. GT iterated that many complaints raised against cyclists are in the pedestrianised areas (10am – 6pm). GPF iterated that walking the route between the Albert Dock to Brunswick Chinese Restaurant, there is no discipline at all with cyclists and it is very dangerous. PM is concerned about cyclists on Paradise Street (which is two way). TM feels the range of cyclists is vast and street environment for cyclists in the UK is hostile. Cyclists do not seem able to win. Cyclists and pedestrians should all be considerate around each other.</p> <p><b><u>INCIDENT</u></b> DH is concerned that when her 11 year old daughter is walking along the street by her home she is being intimidated, as a driver of a vehicle beeped at her. This is unacceptable. Police will get the details and will visit the resident doing it. Police need to keep the harmony of residents.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 10am (FACT, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor).</p>	