

NOTES OF WAG RESIDENTS' MEETING 27th MARCH 2024 AT THE OAKWOOD ACADEMY

Present: Sue Jablonskas - Chair
 Emma McCluskey - Committee Member
 Helen Jeffrey - Committee Member
 Rachael Ellis - Borough Councillor
 8 Residents in attendance

Item	Agenda Title	What was discussed?	What was decided? Action to be taken?	Who to action and by when?
	WAG Easter Raffle		<p>The draw took place live before the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. The proceeds will go towards future WAG events.</p>	<p>1st Prize - Pat Clark 2nd Prize - John Clark 3rd Prize - Pam Glave</p>
1.	2023 Report	<p>Since lockdown it had not been possible to hold a residents' meeting until now and WAG is grateful to The Oakwood Academy for hosting the event.</p> <p>For the school to host the meetings in future, these will be held on the same evening as the Governors' meeting. However, this will mean that meetings can only be held 3 times per year instead of 4.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Firework Display and the Christmas activities, which were felt to again be successful.</p>	<p>Those present felt this was a sensible solution. The Constitution will need to be amended to reflect this at the AGM.</p>	WAG

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2.	Latest Financial Report – 19/03/2024	<p>Copies of the Financial Report was circulated to those present.</p> <p>Residents expressed surprise at the cost of the Christmas lights, tree and switching-on ceremony. Residents said they had missed the lamp post lights but understood that these could not be provided last year due to the cost and the lack of funding being available to WAG.</p> <p>Those residents who had attended the Afternoon Tea for Senior Residents said this was very enjoyable. The Oakwood Academy hosted the event and the staff and pupils were very supportive and enthusiastic about future opportunities of working with WAG and the community.</p> <p>The Christmas Hampers provided to those at the event and for those who were unable to attend were very much appreciated.</p> <p>WAG was also very grateful for the support they had received from Tesco and GBC in making these activities possible.</p>		
3.	Overview of WAG	<p>WAG will be 18 in July!</p> <p>Pat and John Clark have moved out of the area and thanks were recorded for all the work they have done whilst members of the WAG Committee. John has kindly offered to continue to manage the WAG budget/finance for the time being as</p>		

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		this is all done online. Thanks were again record to John for this.		
4.	Plans for 2024	<p>The following are what WAG and residents would want to take place this year – dependant on availability and sufficient funds being available:</p> <p>Firework Display – November (it was acknowledged that everyone likes the fireworks and that WAG had received comments from 2 residents expressing concern for their pets. WAG works closely with GBC to provide guidance to pet owners and minimise the effect of the fireworks).</p> <p>Christmas Lights & Tree – December</p> <p>Switch-on event – December</p> <p>Christmas Afternoon Tea – December</p> <p>Christmas Hampers – December</p> <p>Christmas Dinner for senior residents – December</p> <p>Quiz Nights</p> <p>Car Boot/Table Top Sale</p> <p>Holiday Activity – Hucknall Company</p> <p>Summer holiday event (inflatables) at the school</p> <p>WAG Coming of Age event</p>	<p>Committee Members will continue to explore possibilities for arranging events for this year and funding opportunities. An application will be made to the lottery fund.</p>	<p>Committee members. Committee members will meet with school representative to discuss possibilities of what can be arranged and hosted here.</p>
5.	Residents' suggestions for WAG projects/events/fund raising	<p>Picnic on the Recreation Ground for people to get to know each other.</p> <p>Outside cinema event</p>	<p>Contact Manager at Bonington Theatre for information on films available.</p>	<p>WAG</p>
6.	Future of WAG website	<p>A resident asked whether it was possible to add links to the website to make it easier for residents to report issues. This can be</p>		<p>WAG Committee</p>

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		<p>considered as part of the review of the website.</p> <p>The current arrangements for managing and funding the website need to be considered as a previous member has been doing this and funding it, but cannot continue to do this.</p>		
7.	Update on previous minutes/crime stats	<p>The last meeting held was in 2019 prior to lockdown. The minutes of that meeting have been reviewed and there is nothing outstanding. Copies of the most recent crime stats received were circulated at the meeting for information. Hopefully it will be possible to add these to the website in future.</p>		
8.	Residents' views, questions and new issues	<p>Comment was made that WAG needs to be more visible throughout the year, not just around the Firework Display and Christmas. There is a flat in Benedict Court with the lights on permanently and window open (this has been for about 3 months). This has been reported to GBC (City Homes have the flats).</p> <p>CCTV on Muirfield Recreation Ground – there had been an email from a member of staff informing WAG that this was not being taken forward.</p> <p>It is important that residents continue to report issues via official channels – e.g. GBC online reporting system, Police – currently reporting</p>	<p>*After the meeting WAG received a phone call from Councillor Payne who reassured that the CCTV is still planned for the Recreation Ground and money will be available for this. However, a solution to the issue of</p>	<p>Councillor Ellis will look into this.</p> <p>Councillor Ellis will make enquires about how and when reporting being handled at</p>

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		<p>to the various bodies does not appear to be coordinated and therefore no one has a complete picture.</p> <p>Wearmouth Gardens overgrown with brambles, litter, path not clear enough for wheelchair/mobility scooter/pushchair</p> <p>Alleyway next to Warren Primary Academy overgrown</p> <p>Parish Council was supposed to be getting a lengthsman</p> <p>Dog fouling continues to be an issue in the area. The offenders not cleaning up after their dog need to be witnessed in order for prosecution to happen. The presence of CCTV on the Recreation Ground could help to reduce it on this site.</p>	<p>accessing the power source is still being sought.</p> <p>There may be a 3G solution powered through street lights enabling footage to be checked when incidents are reported.</p> <p>Councillor Ellis will make enquiries and also ask what progress there has been on the lengthsman</p>	<p>GBC to ensure there is a complete picture.</p> <p>Resident to make enquiries and provide information to WAG.</p> <p>Councillor Ellis</p>
9.	Next Meeting	Provisionally 19 th June 2024 (this is dependant on the Governors meeting being held on that this date).		