

**Minutes of St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association meeting held on
20 November 2014 in St Augustine's Hall, Norwich.**

ACT officers present: Co-Vice Chair - Nick Hall, Secretary & Treasurer – Stuart McLaren, Fund-raising – Lynda Honeywood Hall, Community Outreach – Carrie Sant.

The meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

1. Nick Hall took the Chair.
2. Present: 15.
3. Apologies: Cllr Richard Bearman, Alan Camina (Co- Vice Chair), PCSO Claire Gould, PCSO Jo Longstaff.
4. Announcements: Former Chair of ACT, the Revd Nicholas Vesey, had left the parish to take up new ministry in Aspen, Colorado. Despite this the Christmas Eve candle-lit service will still go ahead in St Augustine's church.
5. Minutes of last ACT meeting (18/9/14) approved.
6. Matters arising:
 - a. The Secretary reported on plan to install zebra crossing in St Augustine's Street, and placing onto the market of derelict site at west end of Sussex Street and former Magpie public house in Magpie Road.
 - b. The Fund-raising officer spoke on her ideas to support the GoGo Dragons project, which was being led by Coleman Opticians to bring a dragon sculpture to St Augustine's Street next spring in support of the Break children's charity; ideas included an early summer fair in the churchyard a bouncy castle and children's activities supported by the Fairyland Trust.
7. The Community Outreach officer reported on work being done locally, including the Monday Club (friendship, help with problems, hot beverages and a free two-course hot meal every Monday throughout the year), Stranding Together (friendship, hot beverages, board games and a light meal each fortnight on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m.), and the food store. The Hall will be open on Christmas Day for volunteers and guests and the Monday Club will open on Boxing Day that week, offering a free meal to all who visit. A double-decker bus will be parked outside Fitt Signs in Pitt Street on the Saturday after Christmas, offering shelter, help and friendship to all.
8. Open Mike session. Anti-social behaviour. There was concern that drug-dealing activity appeared to be continuing in the area despite the recent closure of a flat in Howard Terrace, in particular, suspicious activity associated with the St Martin's Trust leased house in The Lathes had been of concern.
9. Councillors' reports. Cllr Simeon Jackson reported that there was a new manager of Anglia Square, Mr Eric Kirk. The issue of the ongoing treatment of Japanese knotweed in the back of the Anglia Square surface car park off Botolph Street was again raised. How much longer will this unsightly mound of earth and building debris, which was infested with rats, remain there?
10. ACT's AGM & annual dinner are planned to be held on the evening of 13 February in the Hall. There will be no charge but a donation of £5 per person will be suggested. Initiations would go out in January.
11. Close of meeting.