

Annual General Meeting of St Augustine’s Community Together Residents’ Association (ACT) held on 19 March 2015 at St Augustine’s Hall (held over from 13 February 2015).

The meeting started at 7.30 p.m. with ACT Co-Vice-Chair Nick Hall in the Chair.

1. Those present and eligible to vote under the ACT constitution were: Alan Camina (ACT Co-Vice-Chair 2014–15 & resident), Nick Hall (ACT Co-Vice-Chair 2014–15 & resident), Lyn Honeywood Hall (ACT Fund-raising officer 2014–15 & resident), Stuart McLaren (ACT Secretary and Treasurer 2014–15 & resident), James Davis (resident), Simeon Jackson (resident), Andrew Eeles (resident), Simon Richardson (resident), Heather English (local business), Maggie Camina (resident), Margaret Goodyear (resident), Alex Lincoln (local business), Rachel Kurdynowska (resident), Katie Fenn (local business), Andre Cappuccio (local business).
 2. Apologies: Carrie Sant (ACT Community Outreach officer 2014–15), Jeremy Hall, Heidi Secker.
 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 21 January 2014 were approved.
 4. Matters arising: none.
 5. Annual report was presented by Co-Vice-Chair, Nick Hall: see Appendix 1.
 6. The annual report was proposed and seconded.
 7. The annual accounts were presented by the Treasurer: see Appendix 2. Coleman Opticians was thanked for its continuing sponsorship of ACT’s website.
 8. The annual accounts were proposed and seconded.
 9. Election of ACT executive officers for 2015–16.
The following members were proposed and seconded: Nick Hall: Chair; Alan Camina: Co-Vice-Chair; Alex Lincoln: Co-Vice-Chair; Stuart McLaren: Secretary and Treasurer; Lyn Honeywood Hall: Fund-raising & events officer; and Carrie Sant: Community Outreach officer.
 10. There was a vote of thanks for the work undertaken by Stuart McLaren and Lyn Honeywood Hall on behalf of the community association.
 11. Plans for 2015. There would be three further ACT public meetings: on 11 June, 17 September and 3 December. There would be a “Dragon Fair” in August to celebrate the GoGo Dragon sponsored by Coleman Opticians, which it was hoped would be installed in St Augustine’s Street at the beginning of June.
 12. A.O.B. – none.
 13. The AGM concluded at 8.00 p.m.
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Minutes of meeting held on 19 March 2015 in St Augustine's Hall, Norwich, following ACT's AGM. ACT committee: Nick Hall: Chair; Alan Camina: Co-Vice-Chair; Alex Lincoln: Co-Vice-Chair; Stuart McLaren: Secretary and Treasurer; Lyn Honeywood Hall: Fund raising and Events officer; Carrie Sant: Community Outreach officer.

1. Present 20.
2. Apologies: Cllr Richard Bearman, Jeremy Hall, Cllr Lucy Howard, Gemma Mitchell (Norwich City Council), Carrie Sant, Heidi Secker, Cllr Amy Stammers.
3. Minutes of 20 November 2014 meeting approved.
4. Matters arising – none.
5. News on development plans in the area:
 - a) Lucy Hall of Norwich Co-Housing was invited to speak on a project to develop the derelict site at the Oak Street end of Sussex Street, adapting plans already approved by the City Council (in 2009) to build 17 apartments of various sizes. The Secretary noted that ACT had been involved in the public consultation for these plans. It would be a 'self-build' scheme, though employing professional contractors to do the actual work. There would be some shared amenities, including garden, heating, laundry room, solar panels, communal lounge etc. An offer had been accepted by the vendor subject to contract. A ground condition survey would be carried out shortly and construction was hoped to commence in around 12 months. The Chair closely questioned Ms Hall about the commercial viability of the project. Ms Hall was confident that it would eventually achieve sufficient investment from potential owner-occupiers to make the project viable. The Secretary noted that an archaeological survey would also be carried out before building work began. He hope that this would contribute to the historical knowledge of the area. ACT thanked Ms Hall for coming to the meeting, wished the project success and invited her to return when she had more news.
 - b) The Secretary reported on plans to build 27 houses and flats on the 161 Oak Street site currently occupied by a salvage reclamation yard, a used car lot and a takeaway food stand. Some concern was expressed at the loss of the reclamation yard, which had been there many years and was convenient for local residents and traders. The pre-application consultation process (at the Talk nightclub on Oak Street) carried out by the developers was criticised for insufficient notice to local residents and venue being so dark inside that plans were difficult to read. The planned height of the development (up to 5 storeys) and its encroachment into the highway at its Oak Street frontage were also of concern. It was agreed the Secretary would submit these comments to the Council's Planning Department.
 - c) Anglia Square. There was nothing new to report.
6. Highways, pedestrian safety and parking:

- a) A new zebra crossing had been opened in St Augustine's Street in January and was proving popular. It had been campaigned for by ACT for a little over two years at the initial suggestion of the late David English.
 - b) The Secretary reported that two 'No Cycling' warning signs were to be placed in St Augustine's Street this summer. They would be removed from Magdalen Street after the bicycle contraflow lane there had been completed. One would be placed near the churchyard gate on the west side and one near the Esdelle Street junction on the east. There were regulations on how and where they could be mounted that restricted their positioning. The sign warned cyclist riding on the footway that they would be liable to a £30 fine. Alex Lincoln spoke of his experience as a shopkeeper in St Augustine's Street, of having nearly been knocked over by cyclist on the pavement. He felt that the fine should be higher. Cllr Jackson noted that the level of fine was set down in law and could not be varied without amending the law nationally. Several people at the meeting felt that the signs would have no deterrent effect unless the police enforced the fine.
 - c) The car park in Leonards Street. Alan Camina reported that the City Council wished to make this car park a part of the St Augustine's parking zone by creating a new TRO (Traffic Regulation Order). Those with a resident's parking permit would be able to park there and a number of short-stay places (up to one hour) would be reserved for visitors. It would otherwise be restricted for non-residents including local businesses. There would be a public consultation process later this year.
7. "Open Mike" session. The Chair asked members if they had any issues they wanted to bring to the meeting's attention:
- a) Adrian Holmes reported on the work of the Friends of Train Wood, including plans to install lighting on the pathway through it (part of Marriott's Way).
 - b) Andre Cappuccio (Trends Hair) was concerned at the number of HGVs using St Augustine's Street. ACT Secretary said he would try to find out if there were any restrictions on HGVs here.
8. Councillors' reports: Cllr Simeon Jackson reported on the new zebra crossing and said he would find out about loading access for local business in the Leonards Street car park and report back at the next meeting. He also reported that Amy Stammers was standing down as a ward councillor.
9. Announcements:
- a) There would be a jumble sale in the Hall on 11 April to raise money for ACT, The Stage and City Saints in Action.
 - b) A new vicar of St Augustine's and St Luke's, the Revd David Austin, had been appointed. He was expected to start work here by the end of June.
 - c) Date of next ACT meeting: 11 June 2015.