

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 24th April 2024
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present		Apologies
Nick Roberts (NR)	Dee Harrison (DVH)	John Newton (JN)
Henry Micah (HM)	Brenda Wright(BW)	
David Heath (DH)		
Barry Smith (BS)		

2. Previous Minutes

Proposed as a true record – BS, Seconded - HM

– Carried unanimously

• **Matters Arising**

DH reported that a provisional date of 10th May had been proposed by Robert Jenrick. Attendance requests were invited and NR volunteered. Cheryle Mack(CM) (Fernwood public visitor) requested to attend.

3. Secretary's Report

i. None

4. Treasurer's Report

i. BS referred to his previously circulated report and confirmed the new monthly expenditure of £2.99 on web site provision by Hugo Fox.

5. FirstPort Oversight Meeting Feedback

- i. A re-arranged meeting was held with Vanessa Crane(VC) and John Jeys(JJ) of FirstPort with JN and DH from FCRA. VC said that she had regular meetings with the other sites that she managed but could not explain why there had not been any similar meetings at Fernwood. It was agreed that there would be quarterly meetings at Fernwood in future and that she would provide monthly updates on the progress of issues. She would also attend the FCRA AGM on 21st May.
- ii. The retirement of JJ was discussed and confirmed that his last working day would be on 23rd May 2024. A replacement had not yet been appointed but the post had been advertised.
- iii. Lack of communications from FirstPort management was raised, especially the lack of responses to emails. VC apologised and agreed she would acknowledge receipt of emails and outline when a response would be made.
- iv. VC was asked why the 22/23 Annual Accounts were late but she did not know.
- v. The delays suffered by residents on legal matters, especially with property transactions was raised. VC said that many delays were not caused by FirstPort, especially where a Deed of Variation was involved using several solicitors. VC was asked why a common deed of variation had not been found but she had responded that this did not seem possible.

- vi Discussion followed on the issues raised with suggestions made to ask residents who had moved within the past 12 months for examples of delays in legal work and to provide copies of their deed of variation with the aim of finding some commonality.

6. Communications

- i. BS reported that he had implemented changes to the FCRA email system and forwarding system and it now seemed to be working well.

7. AGM

- i. Discussion took place about the AGM. DH confirmed that it would take place at 5.00p.m. on 21st May in the main hall of the Village Hall. Speakers in addition to FirstPort were discussed but in view of the closeness of the date, it was agreed to stick to the plan. The content of the presentation by VC was discussed and it was requested that it include documentation requirements for any legal transaction with special mention of the use and importance of the TP1 and the long awaited cost of the legal charges.

8. Correspondence

DH reported that the only correspondence related to the use of the tennis courts.

9. Dates for Future Meetings

Committee meetings:

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7:15pm – Village Hall
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 7:15pm – Village Hall
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Public meetings:

AGM – Thursday 21st May 2024 at 5.00pm. In the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 20:15 hrs

Informal discussions took place after the close of the meeting regarding the planned summer fete on 25th August and the recent problems with anti-social behaviour. The Annual Parish meeting of FPC is scheduled for 15th May at 7.45.