



CHESTER RACECOURSE

Notes from the Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Held at 1.30pm on Tuesday, 11th April 2017

In attendance:

Dennis Talbot (DT)	CRC
Julia Hope (JH)	CRC
Andrew Morris (AM)	CRC
John Knott (JK)	CRC
John Walker (JW)	1761 Residents' Association
Clive Bond (CB)	White Friars Residents' Association
Vanessa Bond (VB)	White Friars Residents' Association
Lyn Collins (LC)	Regulatory Services, Public Protection Team Leader
Steve Telford (ST)	Curzon Park Residents Association
Razia Daniels (RD)	Councillor
Jennifer Blaney (JB)	St Martins

Apologies:

Samantha Dixon	Leader of the Council/ Councillor
Ade Hamill	
Linda Shore	
Neil Sullivan	Councillor
Bob Rudd	Councillor

Matters Arising:

- JH confirmed following a request from JB that the request for an additional bin on racedays located at Sens Close would be discussed and progressed by JH and LC . She also asked if the 2016 arrangements using the Street Scene Stewards/ Street Wardens/Police after racing would continue for this season. This was confirmed.
- CB asked if the duty phone number, which residents could use in the case of noise, had been circulated. AM confirmed that as explained at the previous meeting a mobile number would be provided on an event by event basis. In response to queries about who receives this number AM clarified that it would be distributed to the members of the Committee and asked that they cascade it to those they represent. AM agreed to investigate if this number could be put on the CRC website.
- AM confirmed ST's request that Arch 45 would be open and closed as per the notes of the previous meeting.

The Tented Village:

- In response to a question from JW, AM confirmed that since the last meeting of the Committee the tented village had been taken down and the planning application modified. The application was now for the racing season and to include the food and drink festival and the Chester Marathon. ST asked for confirmation of these dates and AM confirmed the application was for the period 1st April to the 31st October.
- JW explained that he was disappointed and felt it was a serious failure that the Design and Access Statement submitted with the planning application did not clarify the exact usage of the marquees. AM noted this point but did comment that he had answered JW's question on this subject by email. LC explained that this Design and Access Statement had been updated and was now available on the CW&C Planning Portal.
- LC explained that the application was to be dealt with by Committee and the next Planning Committee date was the 9th May.

Dog Fouling:

- LC updated the Committee on the patrols that had been carried out on the Roodee targeting those that were not picking up their dog mess. Those carrying out the patrols had felt that it was a positive exercise but they had not managed to catch anyone. CRC pays for these patrols as part of the voluntary contribution and the Committee was asked if they should continue.
- Following a discussion it was felt that CRC would not continue to provide the funds for these patrols but would instead investigate if the bin provision and the signage could be improved. Further ideas raised include poo bags being given out by the car park attendant and DT suggested using Delamere Forest as the example for understanding where the bins should be placed.

Chester Marathon / Noise:

- LC explained to the Committee the work that had been carried out by CW&C and CRC after the noise complaints received after the Chester Marathon. The supplier of the PA system had brought the equipment to site and testing and monitoring of the levels had been carried out. Further testing and monitoring will be carried out on the day of the marathon. ST suggested that this monitoring should take place on Curzon Park North, preferably in a garden, as this is the area most affected by noise generated on the Roodee.
- DT suggested CRC should take a more active role in this process and suggested the possibility of using CRC's PA infrastructure was discussed. ST highlighted that CRC had managed to reduce the noise for residents at the polo and this was an example to be followed.
- JH confirmed that CRC was taking a far more active role at a very early stage with event organisers to improve this situation. AM provided the example of a large event in July that CRC had decided to not stage as they were concerned about the impact on residents.
- JW asked if a Db map could be created, JH confirmed that as more testing and monitoring was carried out this might be possible.

Membership of the Committee:

- The Liaison Committee discussed the principle of membership and a specific request from residents of Curzon Park was also raised.
- The current system, adopted in 2014, is that the Chair of a residents association that has members who are affected by the activities of CRC are invited to attend the Liaison Committee. The Chair can attend, or they may ask for a deputy to attend in their place. The use of residents associations is important as it allows for the greatest number of residents views to be represented at the meetings. The residents associations also have a key part to play in the distribution of information back after these meetings. There are certain circumstances such as the Racecourse Flats which do not have a residents association, in this case we worked with the management company to identify an individual who will was willing to take on these responsibilities. The Committee felt that this system remains the correct manner in which membership of the Committee should be approached.
- Councillor Daniels raised the specific request from Curzon Park North and that she felt that as this was the area of Curzon Park that was closest to CRC they should have additional or separate representation on the Committee. The Committee agreed that the constitution of the CPRA was a matter for that organisation and not this Committee.
- The Committee was reminded that a provision exists for the Committee to invite individuals representing particular interests, to attend meetings, should this be deemed necessary.

Any other business:

- VB requested that Commonhall Social is reminded that it should not be emptying bottles into the waste bins after 11pm at night or having the bins emptied before 7am.
- JK confirmed that signage would be placed at White Friars for racedays, as had been the case for 2016.
- JW asked if a list of events would be distributed, AM confirmed this would be sent with the notes from today's meeting.

Date of next Meetings:

- Thursday, 24th August
- Tuesday, 12th December
- All meetings to start at 1.30pm.