



CHESTER

Notes from the Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Held at 1.30pm on Thursday, 24th August 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
Lyn Collins (LC)	Regulatory Services, Public Protection Team Leader
Jacky Arrowsmith (JA)	Curzon Park Residents Association
Razia Daniels (RD)	Councillor

Apologies:

Samantha Dixon	Leader of the Council/ Councillor
Steve Telford	Curzon Park Residents Association
Jennifer Blaney	St Martins
Ade Hamill	
Neil Sullivan	Councillor
Bob Rudd	Councillor

Matters Arising:

- JW explained that he felt the notes from the previous meeting under the heading 'Membership of the Committee' did not reflect accurately the views that had been expressed during this section of the meeting and that notes be revised, this was a view supported by CB. A revised wording was proposed by DT and the Committee agreed that these were more suitable. AM agreed to revise the notes and circulate with the notes from today's meeting.
- JA explained that the Curzon Park Residents Association had reformed a Racecourse Working Group of which she was a member.

Chester Racedays 2017:

- JH presented to the Committee on a number of measures undertaken during the 2017 racing season. These include the introduction of CRC welfare stewards, the procedure around 'Challenge 25', the CRC street cleaning teams, the use of a raceday Chaplain and the dispersal notice powers of the police.
- CB explained that Whitefriars as one of the main routes into the city centre from the racecourse experienced levels of loud, rough and rude behaviour after racing. The location of the temporary toilet located near Pepper Street was discussed as they were considered difficult to find and might prove to be more successful in a different location. LC agreed to research this point.
- JW noted that he was now being searched on his arrival to the Racecourse, which he thought was a positive measure.
- A discussion followed on the use and successfulness of the digi-van that had been provided in the City Centre on occasions during the season. The 'Pee Back' campaign was also discussed as a model for trying to reduce the potential for anti-social behaviour.

Remaining Events 2017:

- A list of the events remaining at the racecourse in 2017 was provided with the Agenda for this meeting.
- The Committee was reminded that the telephone number for the duty manager for each of these events would be circulated before each event. This number would not be the same on every occasion.

Chester Fixtures 2018:

- AM provided to the Committee a list of the dates for racing at Chester for the next three years.

CRC planning applications:

- This was an agenda item requested by JW, who felt that this should be included as a matter of routine within future meetings.
- The recent planning application for the work to the entrance off Watergate Square was discussed and JW and CB both explained that they had no objections to the application.
- CB asked if the future of the Watergate Inn had yet been decided, AM was unable to provide any information on this subject.

Any other business:

- CB requested that the dog bins provided by CRC on the Roodee be moved back into position as soon as possible after a raceday, JK agreed to arrange this.
- CB suggested that a large volume of 'poo bags' were being tied to the rails near to the 1 furlong point, he wondered if this was some form of protest or message, JK agreed to look into this.
- JA asked who was responsible for the willows between Curzon Park and the racecourse, LC confirmed that this was CW&Cs and that this was also a SSSI. LC explained to the Committee that CRC had undertaken some work to this area to improve the experience of those using the cycle path.

Date of next Meetings:

- Tuesday, 12th December (All meetings to start at 1.30pm.)