

A.G.M. PROBLEMS

Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, the date of the 2009 RRA AGM was changed, several times, resulting in many of the regular attenders not being present, for which we apologise.

At the meeting it was decided to publish the minutes of the AGM in this newsletter.

The Minutes of the Riverside Residents Association Annual General Meeting of 2009 follow:

Riverside Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7.00 pm, 30th September 2009
Held at Shorefields Technology College.

Present: Andrea Spyropoulos: Chairwoman, Kevin Crone: Hon Treasurer, Reg Cox: Hon Sec. Alison Appleton, Eric Cohen, Wendy Cohen, Ina Cox, Peter Gerhard, Sandra MacMillan, Ken Moore, Joy Raw.

In attendance: Councillor John Coyne, Councillor Sarah Jennings, Stephen Barnes / Langtree, David Evans / Land Restoration Trust & Gerry Proctor / FLWRA..

I. Apologies.

Apologies were received from... Robert Hughes. Jill Galvin, Linda Kattou, Sheila Thorp, & Roy Fletcher.

II. To read and confirm the Minutes of the 2008 AGM.

The Minutes were read and no comments were made.

III. Chairwoman's welcome and report.

Andrea Spyropoulos welcomed all those attending and apologised for the change of dates for the AGM. Originally it had been set for the 8th September and then changed to the 15th September, Reg Cox had been called for Cataract surgery on that date, but it was thought that the meeting could proceed, with someone else taking the notes: then Chairwoman Spyropoulos was required to be in Toronto, Canada on that date and the date was changed to the 29th September. That date was unsuitable for Liverpool FC supporters and the date was changed again to the 30th September. We apologise to residents who normally attend the AGM, and we will publish the Minutes of the AGM in a newsletter to be published soon after. There has been progress with the Garden Festival site, which will be reported by Stephen Barnes of Langtree. There had also been meetings with the Federation of Liverpool Waterfront Residents Associations, Merseyside Police, Mersey Estuary Forum, and several others.

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IV. Report from Langtree on the Garden Festival Site.

Stephen Barnes of Langtree stated that as had been previously reported the findings of the Public Inquiry were positive and in favour of the proposals, with a few conditions.

Since the Inquiry the property market had collapsed, Langtree's partner David MacLean went into receivership and Langtree started to look at other options. They acquired MacLean's interest, but no other partners appeared.

To bring forward the gardens, North West Development Association (NWDA) under the direction of Steven Broomhead offered to put £3,700,000 into the restoration of the gardens, with conditions. The £3.7M is to be repaid in five years, by which time it is hoped the property market will have recovered and the building of the houses and flats will proceed, producing the dowry which will provide for the maintenance of the gardens.

David Evans of the Land Restoration Trust (LRT) reported that currently the plans are being priced and it is hoped that work will start on the gardens in November '09; the work will take approximately 12 months to complete. When complete the gardens will be open to the public, from dawn to dusk and will be managed by the LRT, with input from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Forestry Trust, etc.

The former International Liverpool Garden Festival Site is unique, with a residual interest from millions of visitors in 1984, and when restored it is expected to attract many more visitors, and create jobs for local people.

There is not much earth moving involved in the scheme, as it is planned to use a "light touch", clearing pathways, restoring the Chinese Pagodas, cleaning the lakes and clearing the undergrowth, so that the park will be safe for visitors. The "Southern Grasslands" are included in the scheme and it is hoped that the use by Quad bikes and Trials bikes will be stopped.

V. Treasurer's Report

Hon Treasurer: Kevin Crone reported that the Association's finances were sound. The accounts were available at the AGM and are available for inspection for members via Kevin Crone. In view of this, it has been accepted that the payment of subscriptions will be held in abeyance for the coming year.

VI. Federation of Liverpool Waterfront Residents Association (FLWRA) report.

FLWRA Hon Sec **Gerry Proctor** reported that it had been a busy year for the Federation. FLWRA started a new Federation called the Liverpool City Centre Leaseholder Federation. Together with them we have formed a new umbrella organisation called Engage which is working in partnership with Liverpool City Council and Plus Dane Group. This is unique in the country and has been lauded widely.

The Federation has achieved representation with Liverpool City Council. Several meetings had been held, (some of which were attended by RRA representatives), though a large part of FLWRA business is concerned with the problems of the management of shared occupancy buildings

VII> Community Police Presentation

PCSO Debbie Pritchard reported that crime had reduced in the area, there being 22 less calls in relation to Anti Social Behaviour. There were 49 Fixed Penalty Noticed issued for speeding offences in the Aigburth Road area. Two vehicles were seized for having no insurance and a further two motorists were prosecuted for having no insurance. The Speed Indicator Device had been deployed, resulting in a reduction of the average speed from 42 mph to 41 mph. (It is a 30 mph area.) Inconsiderate parking in Lark Lane area had resulted in 45 advisory notices being issued and 66 fixed penalty notices had been issued for unnecessary obstruction.

VIII. Election of Officers.

As there were no volunteers for the positions of Chairwoman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, other than the incumbents, those people were unanimously elected. Chairwoman: Andrea Spyropoulos, Hon. Treasurer; Kevin Crone and Hon. Secretary; Reg Cox.

IX. Calendar. Dates for future meetings.

It is proposed that the Council meet in 2010 on the following dates; 2nd March, 8th June and 7th September. The AGM will also be on 7th September 2010.

X. Any other business.

a. Chairwoman Spyropoulos reported that the RRA Get Together at the Everyman Bistro was successful and that another event will be planned for the coming festive season and publicised in due course.

b. The "Meet the Neighbours" event that had been proposed is still at the organisation stage, and it is hoped to hold the event in the Spring of 2010.
The meeting ended at 20.00.

One of our residents sent this message. Please read and take notice! If you should see anyone tampering with parked cars, please ring the Police on 0151 709 6010 and report to them. Make a note of the description of the people involved; clothing colour, height, age and any other characteristics. Reg Cox.

I am not sure when you are planning the next newsletter but an area to highlight, as always, is the security of our vehicles. Following the AGM last week I got home at about 8.45pm and rushing to get in with carrier bags and other bits and pieces, I did not pay attention to locking my car. I did use the automatic locking on the key fob, but may well have pressed the open button and not the lock button. Yes stupid, but how easy is that to do? >>>

The following day I noticed the hatch was not closed properly but gave this very little thought. I then went into the boot and noticed the carrier bag containing my sat nav was empty.

Yes stupid for not locking the car and also stupid for leaving the sat nav in the car, despite being out of sight. I can only assume that someone has been in the area, took the opportunity to see if a car was unlocked, even though it is parked on the path, and help themselves to whatever was there.

I felt I should make my neighbours aware of this incident and also admit my stupidity. However, I discovered that similar incidents had occurred with money, CD's and sunglasses, all being stolen from unlocked vehicles. Others also admitted to not checking if their cars are locked when parked on the path, or after unloading the shopping. As Christmas is not far off there will be many opportunists about. Please let them look elsewhere for their Christmas shopping. I am also concerned that such incidents makes us all vulnerable.

Eyes in the back of your head Department!

Clever scam!.....beware and pass it on to highlight it so others don't get caught. I received a call like this myself, so BE CAREFUL! Reg Cox.

This one is pretty slick since they provide Y O U with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

"One of our employees was called on Wednesday from "VISA", and I was called on Thursday from "MasterCard".

The scam works like this: Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank) did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for £497.99 from a Marketing company based in London?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from £297 to £497, just under the £500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?" You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card (0800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works the caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say, "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of £497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account.. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of MasterCard" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam.. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening".

I was called by a credit card company and when they asked me for my address, I asked them to write to me, so that I would know that it was a genuine inquiry, which they did. NEVER give answers to questions over the phone to incoming callers. Ask them to write to you, they should have your address. Reg Cox.

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Plumber: Laverty Plumbing & Heating Engineers. tel: 0151 486 4414 mobile: 07774 484 788.

Joinery: Jeff Williams. 07927 181 958, or after 7pm 0151 427 3552. Highly recommended.

Cleaning & Ironing: Selclene Sport. Jeff Shilkind, 0151 722 3153. National organisation for cleaning and domestic work, with public liability insurance and moderate terms.



RRA is run by volunteers, people just like yourself, who wish to improve the community in which we live. We aim to have a "representative" in each road who will attend the Representatives Meetings, which are held about four times a year and pass on information to their neighbours. There is also an Annual Open Meeting, when all members, and sometimes others, are welcome. This newsletter is published three times a year and there is an associated website at www.riversidedrive.org.uk The annual subscription is £3.00.

If you have any information concerning the area, which stretches from Jericho Lane to the Jaguar Showroom on the river side of the MerseyRail line, please contact your nearest rep. Or one of the elected officers.

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