

St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association (ACT)
Public meeting on 27 June 2012 in St Augustine's Hall, Norwich

AGENDA

1. Welcome from Chair of ACT, the Rev Nicholas Vesey, record of any apologies, circulation of attendance register.
2. Secretary's announcements.
3. Minutes of last meeting (4/4/12) – printed overleaf.
4. Matters arising.
5. Councillors' reports
6. Police Community Support report
7. "Open mike" for people at the meeting to raise any issues of concern or matters of interest
8. St Augustine's Gateway Enterprise – "The STAGE" – report of progress in setting up this new community resource in St Augustine's area.
9. Any other business
10. Date of next meeting: 26 September 2012

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"Friends of St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association"

**Minutes of meeting of St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association
held on 4 April 2012 at St Augustine's Hall, Norwich.**

1. The Chair, the Revd Nicholas Vesey, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which commenced at 7.30 p.m. Apologies were received from Stephen Codling (Broadland Housing Association) and Jeff Compton (Norwich City Council's Community Engagement Team). New attendees included Cllr Julie Brociek-Coulton (of Sewell Ward), Lucy Green and Marion Maxwell. There were 26 people at the meeting.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (25/1/12) were approved.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Offensive graffiti had now been removed from the derelict warehouse in Sussex Street/Chatham Street.
 - b. A small metal post in the forecourt of the Spar shop at St Augustine's Gate, which presented a hazard to pedestrians, was still in situ. Cllr Holmes said he would try to find out why it still hadn't been dealt with.
 - c. Street cleaning. Bakers Road resident, Jeremy Hall, asked about street cleaning in Bakers Road following the collapse of City Council's contractor, Fountains.
 - d. It was noted that the city's SNAPs (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panels) had been discontinued. They would be replaced by quarterly community safety meetings managed by the City Council.
 - e. Cllr Holmes reported that work had now begun on the redevelopment of the children's play area, car park and green space near Leonard Street. It was expected to be completed by October.
4. **Cycling on the pavement.** There had been a considerable amount of concern expressed by local residents and traders about cycling on the pavement in the area, particularly in St Augustine's Street and Magdalen Street. Marion Maxwell gave a report of a recent demonstration against dangerous cycling in Magdalen Street, including the result of a survey that had been undertaken recently near Magdalen Gates. In one hour during the morning there had been recorded 33 incidents of cycling on the pavement, 23 incidents of cycling south, i.e. the wrong way, along on the north-bound one-way highway on Magdalen Street, and 10 incidents of cyclists passing through red lights at the Magdalen Gates junction. Only two cyclists were observed wearing safety helmets. Cllr Brociek-Coulton reported the concerns of local traders who feared for their own safety and the safety of their customers when they stepped out of their shops onto the pavement. Traders in St Augustine's Street had reported similar concerns. There would be a second demonstration against dangerous cycling in Magdalen Street on 11 April. A Police Constable present at the meeting advised that the police be informed before any demonstration was held although he could not guarantee they would attend because of stretched resources. It was suggested the Joint Highway Committee (NHAC) be contacted about the lack of signs indicating where designated cycle lanes were in the area. There were questions from those at the meeting as to why a cycle lane hadn't been provided when St Augustine's Street was made one-way. It was noted that there had been requests to do so made to the County Council, which had turned them down on the ground of insufficient width of road to accommodate a footway, highway and cycle lane. Cllr Holmes regretted that the Cycling Forum had been discontinued. It was suggested ACT speak to Cllr Bremmer of NHAC and to Ben Webster at City Hall about improving the design of the road layout in the area in order to encourage more cyclists to use the designated cycle lanes in the area. It was noted that the Edward Street cycle lane had not yet been properly finished. There was approval for the idea of more fixed penalty notices about cycling on the footways being put up in the area.
5. St Augustine's Community Office. Alan Camina (ACT Vice-Chair) gave a report on progress to open a community space in the former Fran's Pantry in St Augustine's Street, which it was hoped would be ready to open in May.
6. Wayne Dennis of Norfolk Funerals spoke of the new service they were offering, a not-for-profit funeral undertaking enterprise (the first in the country), which now had new offices open in St Augustine's Street. Carrie Sant spoke of City Saints in Action, which now had a base at one of the studio offices above Fitt Signs in Pitt Street. This was Christian outreach group working with vulnerable adults in the community.