

**Minutes of general meeting of St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association (ACT) held on  
6 February 2013 at St Augustine's Hall, Norwich**

1. The Chair of ACT, the Revd Nicholas Vesey, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The attendance register was circulated. Present: 17. New attendees: PCSO Hannah Knock and PCSO Becky Holden. Apologies: Jeff Compton (NCC Community Engagement), and Kate Fenn and Helen Hillis (Coleman Opticians).
2. It was decided to hold the general meeting before the AGM in order to allow Cllr Richard Bearman to give his councillor's report before having to leave to attend another appointment.
3. Minutes of the last general meeting (6 December 2012) were read and approved.
4. Matters arising.
  - i. Item 4a. Request for a pedestrian crossing in St Augustine's Street. ACT Secretary, Stuart McLaren, read an email from Barry Lloyd (Norfolk County Council Environment, Transport & Development Dept), received on 4 February: 'The city council handles all requests for new pedestrian crossings and has a list of locations where new zebra crossings or pedestrian refuges have been requested. I have passed this request on to them. I am told that they will carry out an assessment of the location in the late spring / early summer and this will determine the priority given to the site on the list of outstanding requests.' Cllr Bearman spoke on this issue: on average fewer than two requests for pedestrian crossings per year result in work being implemented in Norwich. Priority is given to roads where there are higher than average reported road traffic accidents involving pedestrians. The County Council had allocated a fund to allow parish councils to carry out road improvement but that as Norwich wasn't parished the fund was probably not available. The PCSOs offered to look at what statistics were available for road traffic incidents on St Augustine's Street.
  - ii. Item 4b. Robbery at St Augustine's Street dwelling. An e-Fit image of a person suspected of being involved in this robbery was circulated.
  - iii. Item 4c. Speeding on the St Augustine's gyratory. Cllr Bearman reminded the meeting that it could apply to participate in a community speed initiative. The Chair said ACT would consider this.
  - iv. Item 7. The Secretary said that the current leaseholder had been identified by application to the Land Registry by a member of the public, who had passed on details of the registered leaseholder to ACT. The leaseholder had been written to but no response had been received. Cllr Amy Stammers offered to speak to the owner.
  - v. Item 8. Fund raising. There would be an Easter Craft Fair and table top sale at St Augustine's Hall on 16 March. The event was being organised by Lynda Honeywood Hall and Nick Hall. Proceeds were to go to ACT. All the tables had already been booked by exhibitors. The Church and The Stage were having free tables to raise funds for their own causes. Carrie Sant's Church group was supplying and selling refreshments. Raffle prizes were still needed. Adrian Holmes offered to design and print some colour posters.
5. 'Open Mike' session:
  - i. Carol Cooper asked about the Norwich Community Bank on Oak Street. Alan Camina explained that this was a branch of the Norfolk Credit Union and that other credit unions were available.
  - ii. Jeremy Hall raised his concerns at the blocked gullies in St Augustine's Street. Cllr Stammers said she would look into this. He also asked about street cleaning in Bakers Road.
6. Police reports: PCSOs Holden and Knock reported that reported crime and anti-social behaviour in the area had been generally below average in recent weeks. There had been thefts of a wing mirror and spare tyre from a Land Rover and some damage to a property (broken window and kicked door), and some people and property being struck by unwanted snow balls! Adrian Holmes mentioned being disturbed by noise from The Talk nightclub in Oak Street early hours of Sunday morning and also being disturbed by the noise of a police helicopter at night
7. Date of next meeting: 10 April 2013.