

NEWGATE ACTION GROUP

The Community Forum of the Newgate Lane Urban Renewal Scheme
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Please find enclosed the agenda for the next meeting, which will be our AGM.
Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome.

The next meeting will be held on

Tue 11th May 2004 at 6.30pm

Venue: 110 Newgate Lane

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003/04

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting.
3. AGM Report
4. Any other business
5. Date and time of next meeting

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Ward
Chairperson, Newgate Action Group

**Do you have a question you wish
to raise at a future meeting?**

Use the space below to remind yourself of questions or comments you wish to bring up at the next meeting. If you can't make it to the next meeting you can submit questions from the 'Contact Us' page on our website at:

www.the-nag.org.uk

Minutes of the meeting of the
Newgate Action Group
held 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th April 2004 at 110 Newgate Lane

1. Attendees

Ian Lilliman (Secretary)	Resident
John Pickering (Treasurer)	Resident
Janet Smith	Resident
Lee Marshall	Resident
Samantha Raggart	MDC

2. Apologies

Michelle Ward (Chair)	Resident
Caroline Beastall	Resident
Debbie Garner	Resident
Mandy Connor	Resident
Margaret Wheat	Resident

3. Introductions

3.1. The meeting began at 6.40pm and all were welcomed by John Pickering.

4. Previous Minutes

4.1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

5. Reports & Updates

5.1. Beresford St flower beds – Flowerbeds have now been replanted on Beresford St and Rock St but have not met with the standard requested by the group. NAG asked for more mature plants and for the removal of the large pots and the benches on Beresford St that has not been done yet. Also, the large tree, which had already been pruned twice, was cut down completely.
Action – Ian to chase up Tim Downes re – removal of pots/benches

5.2. SRB funding for neighbouring Ravensdale Ward – Samantha Raggart (MDC) was informed that the group had so far been excluded from the communication network with regards to the expansion of SRB funding to neighbouring Ravensdale Ward and the setting up of a Neighbourhood Renewal Team. **Action – Samantha to inform funders of situation.**

5.3. Free burglar alarms for NAG area – So far around 115 of the 180 free systems have been installed. To qualify for a free alarm you must be

- Over 60
- Or disabled
- Or have been burgled within the last 12 months (with an Incident Number)

The alarms are installed free of charge, together with 2 free smoke alarms (if you don't have them already) together with property marking using a product called Smart Water – a DNA type product that is unique to you. None of this scheme is means tested. Telephone 01623 626868 for more information.

5.4. Personal attack alarms – Around 100 of the personal attack alarms have now been distributed to local residents, mostly through word of mouth. Some members of staff at the local Co-op Late Store have been supplied with alarms to aid their safety when closing up at night.

5.5. Fridge eyesore, Rock St – Still under review by the Mansfield Planning Department

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Tideswell Court Footpath – NAG's application for funding from the Living Spaces fund to clean and tidy the footpath between Newgate Lane and Tideswell Court (down the side of the Chad offices) has been turned down because this work is classed as maintenance and they don't fund such work. Samantha suggested seeking the funding from the South Area Assembly.
Action – NAG to look for other sources of funding.

6.2. Property Marking Kit – Ian reported that the Notts Community Foundation has granted £497 to fund a property coding kit to be distributed with the next newsletter.

6.3. Birkland St Flats – NAG recently received a letter from Nigel Pickering, the finance director of BBS Construction who has applied for planning permission to build on the land at the top of Birkland St. In his letter to NAG, Mr Pickering wrote about the communities concerns about the development and spoke about their companies other developments which have transformed problem areas into affordable, attractive, high quality housing and referred the group to their development at the top of Kitchener Drive, off Broxtowe Drive. He said the development on Birkland St will consist of 14 one-bedroom apartments, some of which will be sold to owner-occupiers whilst some will be kept in-house in one of their own sister companies and rented out to good quality tenants. He goes on to say that by renting out some of the properties, they will retain an interest in the development after completion and this ensures that all resident maintain their properties.

6.4. New Litter Bins – Samantha Raggart informed the group that the new bins (to be installed at key litter-hotspots should arrive this week.

6.5. Jacksons Park playground – NAG have been in touch with Wicksteed Leisure, the company that manufactures the rubber tiles around the play equipment with a view to having the paint removed from the tiles. However, Wicksteed informed NAG that the construction of the tiles (Recycled car tyres) is unsuitable for pressure cleaning.

FUTURE MEETING DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

8th June 04' / 13th July 04' / AUGUST NO MEETING
14th Sept 04' / 12th Oct 04' / 9th Nov 04' / 14th Dec 04'