

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. Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome.

The next meeting will be held on

Tue 4th Nov 2003 Date: 6.30pm

Venue: 110 Newgate Lane

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Reports and updates
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 an issue you wish to have discussed in depth at a future meeting?

Use the space below to remind yourself of questions or comments you wish to raise at the next meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting of the
Newgate Action Group
held 6.30pm on Wednesday 7th October 2003 at 110 Newgate Lane

1. Attendees

Ian Lilliman (Secretary)	Resident
Michelle Ward (Chair)	Resident
John Pickering (Treasurer)	Resident
Lee Marshall	Resident
Margaret Wheat	Resident
Barbara Miller	Resident
Janet Smith	Resident
Cllr Graham Flint	MDC Eakring Ward Councillor

2. Apologies

Caroline Beastall	Resident
Cllr John Barsby	MDC Eakring Ward Councillor
Cllr Malcolm Sage	MDC Eakring Ward Councillor
Samantha Raggart	Mansfield District Council
Courtney Nangle	Titchfield Social Inclusion Officer
Alan & Eileen Wallace	Poetic Pictures

3. Introductions

3.1. The meeting began at 6.30pm and all were welcomed by Michelle Ward.

4. Previous Minutes

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

5. Reports & Updates

5.1. Irresponsible Parking – Issues were raised about irresponsible parking at various locations, particularly along Carter Lane and the corner of Montague St and Rock Street in general. Despite numerous attempts over the last two years to have it dealt with by the Highways Manager (Peter Thom), nothing has yet been achieved. The group decided to take a stronger stance on this issue. Not only are cars parking so that they protrude into oncoming traffic, they are also parking more and more on the pavements and this is severely contributing to the 'run-down' and deprived feel to the area and needs to be addressed. **Action – Ian Lilliman (Secretary).**

5.2. Untaxed Vehicles – There still remains a significant number of untaxed vehicles in the renewal area. Residents are urged to report such vehicles as untaxed vehicles are also not insured, probably do not have a valid MOT (you need an MOT to get your road tax) and could be unsafe to drive, creating a danger to the public. **To anonymously report an untaxed vehicle, telephone the Road Tax Evasion Hotline on 08000 325 202.** The group noted that a previously reported vehicle had been removed.

5.3. Extra park light / extra bins / extra grass cutting – Although the SAA (South Area Assembly) rejected the initial request by Samantha Raggart (MDC) for around £5000, Ian said he had re-written and resubmitted her application after having prioritised the work involved to see if the SAA would part fund some of the works. The group are still waiting for a reply.

5.4. Co-op Late Store / Fridge Eyesore on Rock St – After the previous meeting where the security of the rear yard of the Co-op Late store was discussed, they were paid a visit by MDC’s environmental health department to further investigate the problem. Ian said that despite recent promises by the Co-op’s area manager to rectify the problem, the work had not been done. The overall appearance of Rock St was also discussed, particularly the abundance of old fridges in the rear yard of a business property. These were considered to be a real eyesore and yet another contributor to the overall ‘run-down’ look of the area. There were also concerns that children could have access to them and the inherent danger of a child becoming trapped inside one. **Action –Secretary to follow up Co-op Late Store / Councillor Graham Flint to ask environmental health to visit the shop concerned.**

5.5. Newgate Lane Shops – Since the last meeting, a number of the shops that were renovated on Newgate Lane by the Coalfield Regeneration Trust have been under review and planning applications have been submitted to change their business use from retail to office status. It was concluded by the recent review of the scheme that their had been several failings in the trust’s approach to acquiring retail tenants and this is why they had remained empty for so long. It is hoped that by changing their type of use to office, they can attract other types of business to the area such as solicitors, accountants, estate agents, etc.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. NAG Newsletter – Ian Lilliman (Secretary) informed the group that he had successfully applied for funding to continue the newsletter for the next 12 months. In addition, the group’s project to produce their own ‘Important Numbers’ fridge magnet had received a significant boost by obtaining advertising sponsorship from the Pizza Hut Delivery shop on Albert Street. They have agreed to pay one third of the cost, with the remaining cost divided between the newsletter advertising revenue and surplus funds from the SAA (South Area Assembly).

6.2. Living Spaces Fund – Ian raised the issue of the overgrown footpath leading off Newgate Lane towards Tideswell Court and asked if anyone knew who was responsible for it. A new fund called ‘Living Spaces’ can provide groups such as NAG the funding and technical know-how to tackle areas such as the footpath. Graham Flint said he would look into it and let us know who was responsible for it. **Action – Councillor Graham Flint to follow up.**

6.3. Litter on Birkland St

Several complaints were raised about the litter on Birkland St. **Action – Councillor Graham Flint to follow up.**

6.4. Flats on Birkland St – another planning application has been submitted for the construction of flats on land at the top of Birkland St.

6.5. Abandoned Gas Canister – Lee Marshall informed the group that an old gas canister had been dumped at the garages to the rear of Carlo’s Wine Table.
Action – Secretary to request PIN team to collect.

Dates/times of future meetings

Tue 2nd December 2003

Tue 6th January 2004

Tue 3rd February 2004

Tue 2nd March 2004