

Downshire Hill Residents Association

Sunday 18 February, 2018, 7pm

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Present: Stephen Ainger (chairman), Redding Thompson, Sally Minto, Sophie Marple, Mark Dennis (treasurer), Nigel Steward, Andrew Neale, Patricia Morison (secretary). Tod Berman (from Hampstead Hill Mansions)

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** were approved.

2. **Website.**

Stephen reported that the DHRA website receives 3-400 hits a month.

3. **Police Station redevelopment/Abacus School**

The Education Funding Authority intend to resubmit plans for the school, reducing its size to 210 pupils. The timetable for their reapplication was not known at the time of the meeting. The previous 420 size of school that had previously been sought was now being described by the EFSA as a poor planning application which they regretted.

The principal development is that the EFA had asked for a meeting with members of DHRA. Stephen and Andrew would attend and report back. EFA /Abacus would be reminded that residents not only of Downshire Hill, but Hampstead Hill Mansions and Roslyn Hill were opposed to the plans for a school.

Further details of the meeting regarding the school redacted.

4. **Crime wave in South End Green/Hampstead**

Margaret and Patricia drew attention to the recent spate of muggings and moped crime. Nigel had attended a public meeting held by the police. There were some 12 moped robberies a week, and Camden was a hot spot. The police claimed recent success in arresting the gang leaders.

Residents should be careful about using mobile phones on the street. The police recommend walking on the pavement facing the traffic.

5. **The next meeting tba**