

# RHS Committee Meeting

7 May 2024 / 08:00 PM / MEETING

## Meeting details

Julia's house

## Attendees

Eva Wendler, Julia Valentine, Christopher Paul, Garry Jenkins, Stefania Rosso, Sam Sheils, PCSOs Sophie &

**Apologies:** Dominic, Steve Bustin

## Agenda

1. Crime reports (Chris)
  - **NEW** Police community support officer: [sophie.powell@sussex.police.uk](mailto:sophie.powell@sussex.police.uk) (since Feb)
  - PCSO Alex looks after Round Hill alongside Sophie - Alex knows area better but Sophie will do patrols more
  - Recently visited Coop where there was an incident and there's a lot of shoplifting
  - No change in crime stats since last meeting in April
  - PCSO - only community, never sirens or emergencies - often patrolling drug reported areas - min one day a week to patrol ward - safeguarding - creating relationships in the community and getting to know the area (what to expect)
  - Community speed watch + neighbourhood watch - PCSOs can support this by issuing tickets when we're using the speed gun
  - Ask Dominic for spare speeding signs to replace those missing
  - Notify of dates for street play
2. Approved minutes from last month's meeting:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g7Hnslq\\_jkVnZti8gpdA3ModTrtCSCdERAwbKCrFRWA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g7Hnslq_jkVnZti8gpdA3ModTrtCSCdERAwbKCrFRWA/edit?usp=sharing)
3. R H Reporter - future of editorial ideas (Steve and Sam)
  - Sam is going to lead on the Reporter and Steve Bustin'll support her behind the scenes.
  - Make sure the next one is to communicate the AGM
  - Dominic needs to have someone recover his round (Ditchling Rd – east side from Bromley Rd to the petrol station. Includes two flats on Ditchling Rd which have entrances in Princes Crescent. Plus Round Hill Rd and Street.)
  - Sam and Julia to catch up

4. Planning consultations, if any - (all to update)
  - Eva spotted one on Princes Crescent - someone replacing wooden framed windows with PVC - they have notified public
  - Julia to consult Michael Doyle
5. The greening project update (Dom via email)
  - Dominic's application for £13,500 from the Community Shared Prosperity Fund for the Bus Stop Pocket Park has been successful. As ever, the administering department within the council still needs to negotiate with the Highways Department, so not quite ready to pop the champagne corks just yet. But it's looking good. Overseeing the delivery of the pocket park is going to be time-consuming.
  - Dominic has also got to co-ordinate some training and follow-up around the defibrillators. As such, he is going to step down from the Committee for a while to focus on getting these things done.
6. The community compost scheme (Stefania)
  - Brighton Hove Food Partnership (BHFP) provided us next steps for action:
    1. Agree on a location for the boxes, together with Sylvan Hall Residents;
    2. Provide BHFP names and email details of the volunteers (2 monitors, including Stefania) & 10 members who would like to join the scheme.
    3. Request permission from the Land Owner. (BHFP once location finalised);
    4. Hold 2 week Community Feedback. This is a Council requirement. BHFP will send you posters and letters to be distributed by the volunteers, where local residents have time to let us know how they feel about it. BHFP will also get feedback from the Residents Association & Roundhill Society to share with the Council (it's good they're already on board!)
    5. Apply for Waste Exemption Certificate. (BHFP via the Council);
  - According to BHFP, a community compost site requires £1105 funding, and Tim has quoted £500 per each composter (material and labour);
  - Funding and volunteering requirement, search for funding and request help from - Wood Store / Tim / Good Gym/ Community Workshop?
  - Sylvan Hall Residents Association UPDATE: Sylvan Hall Residents Association talked about expanding their existing compost area, jeopardising the original idea of placing the composters at the crossing of Prince Crescent, Richmond road, and Wakefield Road where the phone box used to be and where there is now a new gate to access the residential green area - details to be provided;
  - **Dominic asks:** does this now mean there will be no composter by the new gate - either inside or outside? Can you describe where the composter will be? My concern is that it remains accessible for Round Hill residents, especially if we are paying for it. Once we've agreed with the composter location with Sylvan Hall residents' association, £500 of the Round Hill Green Spaces money can be allocated to pay Tim to make it.
  - **ACTION: Stefania** to contact Sylvan Hall residents' association, Ailsa McWhinnie or Aurelie - both are members of the Round Hill FB group.

- Other funding schemes we could consider:
  - i. [Veolia Environmental Trust funding](#) Next Round by 27 June 2024
  - ii. [Rampion Community Fund](#); Next Round application by 26 April 2024
  - iii. <https://sussexcommunityfoundation.org/grants>;
  - iv. <https://www.grantfinder.co.uk/funding-highlights/funds/community-development/>
- **ACTION:** Consider funding opportunities for the project, and apply for.
- The committee could also donate towards this if necessary
- 7. Community Cleans, with GoodGym & B&H Tidy Up Team
  - Provisionally pencilled for Tuesday 17th September 2024 - OK?
  - They have paint and can do a cat's creep paint in summer
- 8. Annie Conservation Project (Annie to update us?)
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- 9. RHS event 2024 (Laura to update?)
  - 3 street plays, spring, end summer, halloween - when?
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- 10. Treasurer report, if any relevant (Garry)
  - No major events to report apart from Dominic's great triumph
- 11. AOB
  - Anti-graffiti paint for mural?
  - Dog poo stencils achieved in one hour!
    - i. Can't acknowledge individual requests - too much and also better to go over the old spots to make the paint stronger

## Action items

- Ask Dominic for spare speeding signs to replace those missing
- Sam and Julia to catch up about Round Hill Reporter
- Julia to consult Michael Doyle and Annie about planning permission issue - does the committee need to state our opinion either way
- Stefania to contact Sylvan Hall residents' association, Ailsa McWhinnie or Aurelie - both are members of the Round Hill FB group.
- Stefania: ask Dominic & Jane for £500 more
  - Also get a noticeboard in pocket park
- Sam: Consider funding opportunities for the composting project
- Eva to message toad patrol about getting involved in reporting on composting scheme
- Julia to email sandy moon about anti-graffiti paint costs
- Chris to reply to PCSOs about the community service people who could do graffiti painting
- Julia to email Laura-Kate about event dates - can we add anything to the noticeboard

## Next date and agenda items for next meeting

Next meeting date: First Tuesday of the July (skipping one as we don't need in June)

Provisional date, 2nd July 2024 - 8pm

Location: 85 Princes Crescent (Julia's house)