

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 10 December 2009

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Secretary), Liza Darroch (Churn Project), Fran Embleton-Smith (Churn Project), 13 residents, Cllr Peter Braidwood (County, District & Town), Cllr John Burgess (County and District), Cllr Mrs Caroline Braidwood (Town)

1. APOLOGIES:

2. ROAD SAFETY GROUP

2.1 Kingshill Traffic

- Developers of Kingshill South continuing to use North Home Road as access to site.
- Heavy vehicles travelling too fast – 15/20 mph.
- Damage to road surface and kerbs.
- No response from Barclay Homes despite good customer service in other areas.
- PCSO spoken to Site Manager re washing truck wheels and will do so again.
- Conflict between traffic and school times.
- Cones have no legal status and can be removed but it was noted that some residents wish them to remain
- 50 mph speed limit to be imposed on by-pass when new road off Tesco roundabout is open.
- No traffic cameras planned.
- Pedestrian bridge from new development to opposite Northfield garage.

2.2 Beeches Road

Handrail on path between Beeches Road and rear of Primary School has been vandalised and will be repaired as soon as possible.

3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Kingshill Development

Plans for Community Facilities

- Nothing much to report.
- 5 lights on path now connected to mains.
- CDC can provide help to word questionnaire.

Names of Streets

- Now decided – based on names of old Cirencester businesses.
- Noted – David Niven was born in Beeches.

Welcome Packs

- Contain local information and contact details
- CDC make contribution for printing – Mike and Roger

3.2 Safer Communities Team

- PCSO Sinclair introduced himself - 2½ years in post and covers Town centre, Beeches and Stratton.
- Police priority has shifted to presence on the streets for 80% of time = People First initiative.
- Operation in Cirencester on 20 December to make residents aware of dangers over holiday period.
- Advised residents to call in all incidents and Police will respond if resources allow.
- New Chief Constable.

Attitudes changing countrywide :

Community

Orientated

Policing

Scheme

- Looking at alternative solutions for offenders from Criminal Justice System particularly for youth issues.
- Difficult to get youth projects off the ground and get people involved.

3.3 Gardening Project

- Need to encourage residents to beautify area rather than rubbish.
- Have 2000 bulbs to plant

4. CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Litter Picking

- Have enlisted 2 Junior Wardens
- Need to get all generations working together.

4.2 Kingshill School

- Kingshill School un-cooperative but now have new contact
- Hoping to make progress with cleaning up School grounds and railway track, remove graffiti on underside of bridge and re-paint original painting, installation of youth shelter.

4.3 Sewerage Plant

Nothing to report

4.4 Working with Explorer Scouts re Railway Line Clean Up

- Have Cherry and Apple Trees for planting.
- Help from Explorer Scouts depends on availability
- Working towards Environmental award within Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
- Clearing site of old play area and planting shrubs

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Ideas for Churn Fun Day – May 2010 at next meeting
- 2010 Council Tax – County will be lowest ever followed by zero increase for the subsequent 2 years.
- Group Constitution – plenty of templates available. Progress at next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14 January 2010 at 7.30 pm at Ingleside House, Beeches Road, Cirencester