

# BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of Meeting held on 11 March 2010

### Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Liza Darroch (Churn Project), PCSO Daniel Sinclair, Cllr Shirley Alexander, Cllr Caroline Braidwood, Cllr Peter Braidwood, Cllr John Burgess, Gerald Ace, Clare Bartlett, Janet Broomfield, Diana Cooper, Tony Cooper, Doug Emmott, Rose Leicester, Mike Jugg, Jenny Smith and Roger Sweeting.

### 1. Apologies

Mr & Mrs Birkett, Kathleen Coates and Rose Lester who would be late arriving.

### 2. Louise Little, Cotswold District Council's Environment Office Dog Pooh

- Not available – will attend April meeting but, in the meantime, has written an article for The Churn
- It was noted that dog fouling has been a problem for some time but is worse currently.
- A complaint was made by a resident in Golden Farm Road and the likely offender has now been identified via the email contact list.

### To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 February 2010

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising Not on the Agenda Including:

#### Feedback from Partnership Meeting on 25 February 2010

- Beeches Group was represented at the Neighbourhood meeting.
- First official bringing together of the 3 groups together with Councillors and service providers.
- It was agreed to form a Neighbourhood group with the purpose of bringing the Community Groups together and the service providers to solve issues.
- Not all Wards have such good relationship with Councillors.
- Partnership can facilitate and support the Community groups.
- Agreed that a co-ordinator is needed to hold the partnership together for which funding needs to be found.
- Need support of Town Council to make sustainable and works well with its aims.
- Gloucester Partnership attaches Partnership meeting to Police meetings.
- Important to bring in Stratton and Park Wards to come under TC umbrella.
- Need to involve Park Town Councillors to support.
- Funding initially for the 3 Wards – nothing left for remainder

#### Litter Picking – Doug Emmott

- Progressing very well particularly on ditch near to Golden Farm on Saturday morning.
- Lots of people passing by and showed interest in activity resulting in recruitment of others.
- Also worked on Sunday with new volunteer to clear area around the shop.
- Noted that high visibility attracts interest of other residents
- Several people asked about payment.
- Need notices and leaflets to explain.
- Essex Newspaper article - residents criticised for increasing Council costs by creating landfill from litter - need to change the culture.
- Met with caretaker of Kingshill School who stated that children don't enjoy picking up litter.

#### Action:

LD

- Agreed to make contact with School and invite representative to discuss and suggest solutions.

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### **Working with Watermoor Group**

- Joint litter picking with Watermoor on City Bank - Saturday.
- Volunteers needed for approx 1½ hours.
- Liza will provide 'A' board – collect from fire station.

**Action:**

**Corinium Gate Road Sign** - Now changed to Corinium Veer

### **Beeches Estate Tree Planting**

**Action:**

Trees still waiting to be planted. Scouts need to be contacted.

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### **Police Report – PCSO Daniel Sinclair**

- There has been a recent spate of distraction burglaries.
- Giving leaflets to everyone together with Community Safety team leaflets for distribution.
- No Cold Calling Areas endeavour to stop distraction burglaries
- Asked for areas to be recommended that might benefit – mainly elderly
- Scheme works in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch.
- Have set up small areas that house repeat victims
- Break in – Partridge Way when helicopter was deployed – report back to next meeting.
- Advised all residents to call the Police if they receive Cold Callers. Police will investigate and move them on.
- May be able to help with The Churn delivery whilst on foot patrol,

<b>Police Emergency Number 999 For All Other Reasons 0845 090 1234</b>
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### **Group Reports**

**5.1**

#### **Social Responsibility**

#### **Welcome Packs**

No further progress. Intending to contact companies for financial support or vouchers. Suggested that the Chamber of Commerce (represents small business) may be able to help.

**Action:**

**RS**

#### **Fun Day – 9 May**

**Action:**

**LD**

- Meeting on Tuesday to design Partnership leaflet.
- 5 groups should be included together with the service providers e.g. social landlords, Councils, Churches Together etc. And important contact phone nos.
- Highlight areas of work in the 3 Wards
- Beeches – litter picking, Watermoor – old photographs
- Collect names and contact details - email addresses for data base
- Need map to identify Wards and areas where work / volunteers needed

**Action:**

**PB**

**JS**

- Also need a fun thing for the stall
- Suggestions: Residents put pin on their address on map of Cirencester then entered into draw for genealogy report.

#### **Churn Newsletter**

Copy for latest edition has gone in.

#### **Railway Track Mural**

**Action:**

**CIB**

**PB**

**SA**

- Waiting to see outcome of other groups work in underpasses.
- Suggested that youth should be consulted on painting and artists sought at Fun Day.
- Materials required.
- Photographs of original mural

#### **Junior Wardens Day Out – 13 April**

Well Done that 10 Junior Wardens turned out recently

14 children and 6 parents involved in Day out.

Children will complete scrapbooks that can be brought to the following meeting.

Encourage to give up an occasional Saturday morning to help volunteers.

**5.2**

#### **Road Safety Group**

#### **Kingshill Development Update – Mike Jupp and Roger Sweeting**

Chairman of Berkeley Homes has given assurance that when road from roundabout is opened up lorries will only use NHR in an emergency and apologised for near

accident.

Wheel wash has been successful

Mike Barton (GCC-PROW) met with RS to look at footpath and alternative route but this needs to be agreed with developer.

**Action:** Corridor along the river is a natural nature reserve and could include a footpath  
**PB** Existing pedestrian/cycle bridge has trip hazard due to expansion of joint

### 5.3 Clean Environment

#### **Gardening / Veg Scheme – Doug Emmott**

Probably quite a big undertaking. Possibly concentrate on planting scheme with the Scouts at the moment and look at veg / soft fruits for the future.

Austin Road raised beds project is going well.

### 6. **District and County Councillors' Reports – Cllr Peter Braidwood and Cllr John Burgess**

County Council part of the Council Tax is due to rise by 2%

Scrutiny Committee has called in Head of Primary Care Trust to explain closure of 20% of hospital beds

### 7. **Any Other Business**

#### **Opportunity Group**

- Redundant Swan Sanctuary (owned by Opportunity Group) would be ideal location for gardening.
- Noted that Allotments will be provided on new Kingshill development.
- GCC lost an opportunity in the past for a cycle route over the waste ground owned by Opportunity Group

#### **Recreation at Kinghill**

- Consultants have been appointed for development of sports area.
- Progress of community facilities is waiting for occupancy triggers on the 2 housing developments when funding will become available.
- Report will be considered by CDC Cabinet in October 2010 to determine how it will be used and where the facility will be sited etc.

#### **Street names**

- Kingshill North have already been decided.
- Request in the Churn for suggestions for Kingshill South has provided responses and the Archaeological & History Society is keen to be involved.
- Noted that Gustav Holst's mother was born in Cirencester although he was born in Cheltenham.
- Wally Hammond – involved with Cirencester Grammar School

#### **Street Signs**

**Action:** Road sign near Tesco points to Kings Meadow South – should be Kings Meadow  
**PB** East or Kingshill

### 8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Thursday, 15 April 2010 at 7.00pm at Ingleside House, Beeches Road, Cirencester**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm