

# BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of Meeting held on 13 May 2010

### Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), 9 residents, Fran Embleton Smith (Churn Project), Cllr John Burgess (CDC and GCC), Claire Bartlet (Fosseway HA) and Jamie O'Connor (Scouts)

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Liza Darroch (Churn Project), Mike Jupp and Cllr Peter Braidwood

### 2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 15 April 2010

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

### Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda

None

### 3. Agency Reports

#### Town, District and County Councillors

- Beeches Road Parking – Order in progress.
- Pothole gangs continuing
- Lewis Lane and Woodlands Road will be completely resurfaced.
- Changes in place to ensure that when Utility companies dig up roads and pavements that they are restored as found.
- Advent Festival, Sunday 28 November 1 – 6 pm – TC needs Marshalls and Co-ordinator. Scouts may be able to help.
- Black Jack Street Pedestrianisation – looking at parking / loading bays. Hope to be completed later this year.

#### Housing Associations

#### Action:

- Junior Wardens visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park very successful
- Many parents staying with the group and have 16 year old helper
- Dobbies Gardening Club – First Sunday in the month – circulate details
- Ozone now open at the Nicole Centre

#### Police

Concerns about correspondence in the Standard written by newly appointed Chairman of Police Panel meetings. Police need to work more directly with the Community Groups.

### 4. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership Update

#### Feed Back from The Churn Funday – Sunday, 9 May 2010

Extremely good event. Achieved 13 new signups for the Group.

#### BBQ – Sunday, 11 July 2010 12 – 3 pm at Ingleside

- Bring Partnership together and include Stratton, Whiteway and Park
- Silver Band 12.30 – 2
- Keep cost low.

#### Action:

- 2 people from each Group to work out details.
- Claire Bartlett and Malcolm Lewis from Beeches.

#### News from other Cirencester Groups

**Action:** Working well with Watermoor and need to develop closer links with Chesterton. Watermoor Group – City Bank Strolls in July – circulate details.

### 5. Group Reports

#### 5.1 Social Responsibility

##### Welcome Packs (RS)

RAC and Town Council very supportive. Dobbies keen to be involved. Have written to Tesco and approached Barclay Homes re distribution. Further ideas to be given to RS at next meeting.

#### Action:

##### Unwanted Mail (DE & ML)

<http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk>

### **Link with Kingshill School (DE)**

School group to pick up litter outside school and invited to join next litter pick.

### **5.2 Road Safety Group**

#### **Kingshill Development Update (MJ)**

Gloucestershire Highways have received no further complaints but will monitor. Cllr Burgess investigating sponsorship of roundabouts.

#### **Footpath**

Met with Mike Barton (County Council – Public Rights of Way) who is querying illegal action. Standard sent photographer but no article was printed.

### **5.3 Clean Environment**

#### **Litter Picking (DE)**

- Action:**
- Need to clarify SITA's responsibilities i.e. litter picking ?
  - Market Place litter picking done by TC in early morning.
  - Could area under the footbridge be taken over by TC after Group have cleared the area ?
  - Probation Service due to help on 22 May but having difficulty making contact.
  - Meet outside Vaults and collect along dual carriageway.
  - Rubbish from McDonalds is a problem at Melmore Gardens.

#### **Railway Track - Mural and Bulb Planting**

- Scouts have planted approx 1,000 bulbs plus shrubs and will paint the bridge.
- Paint being obtained from Gloucestershire Highways and rollers from Fosseyway HA.
- Have 20 -25 Scouts willing to help. Approx 10 available for each working party.
- Need to identify locations for trees and contact Town Council who is responsible for the track

### **6. Any Other Business**

#### **Street Naming**

JB confirmed that Ward Councillors are now consulted and he has suggested Warren Gorse for new development on London Road.

#### **Minute Taking for June Meeting**

Jenny Smith kindly offered. CB to distribute.

**Action: Community Article in Standard**

Feed items to RS to enable this to resume.

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

Thursday, 10 June 2010 starting at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm