

# BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of Meeting held on 8 July 2010

### Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), 12 residents, Florence Beetlestone (HOD), Liza Darroch (Churn), Cllr Peter Braidwood (TC, CDC and GCC) and Cllr John Burgess (CDC and GCC)

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

#### Apologies

Claire Bartlet (Fosseway HA) and PCSO Daniel Sinclair

#### Minutes

The Chairman thanked Jenny Smith for the Minutes of the last meeting.

#### Heritage Open Days

Florence Beetlestone gave an overview of the purpose of the Heritage Open Days – to get people into the Town and make everyone aware of Cirencester's heritage. She said that volunteers are needed to help at sites and to hand out leaflets. Prizes for the children's competitions on the day are also needed. Frances will provide a digital version of leaflet which can be circulated to Community Groups and we will provide contact details of groups such as the Scouts.

#### Action:

### 2. Minutes from the Meeting held on 20 June 2010

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

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not included on the Agenda

#### Bins and Street Furniture

Cllr Braidwood advised that the Town Council has employed a student to carry out Ward audits and map all bins and street furniture during the summer months.

**Action:** It was noted that a CDC litter bin under bridge on London Road needs to be moved but no one seems prepared to do so.

### 4. Chairman's Report including:

#### Poor Co-operation from Partner Organisations

**Action:** Deferred to next meeting.

### 5. Agency Reports

#### Town, District and County Councillors

#### CDC Parking Strategy

The consultation will come to head in early autumn. It was noted that Watermoor Group responded to this.

#### Housing Associations

CB was not available. However, LD advised that CB is now very busy with the Ozone and that Fosseway Junior Wardens have only 1 trip arranged and this will take place at the end of September.

#### Police

Not available. It had been hoped that the Police Neighbourhood meetings would combine with the Community Groups but this had not materialised.

### 6. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership

Nothing further to report.

### 7. Kingshill Development and New Residents

#### Kingshill South Development

Cllr Burgess advised that the developer of the remainder of housing behind North Home Road is about to make a planning application and requested a meeting with local Councillors. It had been decided that Cllr Burgess would attend the meeting with CDC Officers and that Cllr Braidwood would not so as to ensure his position on the Planning Committee is not compromised. It was noted that the development is currently in Preston Parish Council area and that there is likely to be a boundary change once the development is completed to bring it within the Cirencester Town boundary.

#### Welcome Packs (RS)

- Tesco's, Dobbies and Cotswold Leisure Centre wish to be involved with CLC offering a free family swim.

- There is to be an article in the Standard asking for contributions from local businesses.
- 24 houses are now occupied and Centuria are willing to provide names and contact details.
- Fosseyway HA may cover the cost of printing for the packs. JB also done some research.
- It was agreed to include emergency and useful contact telephone numbers - one page of essential info and other included in the pack.
- Beeches Group name and logo on the front cover with sponsors names.
- A map would be very useful.
- Beeches leaflet needs to be included after it has been updated and reprinted.

### **Public Right of Way**

Mike Barton, GCC Public Rights of Way Officer, has proposed a new route through the Berkley site to re-establish the footpath and is contacting the land owner.

## **8. Environmental**

### **Beeches Road Parking**

Cllr Burgess advised that the draft Traffic Regulation Order is out for consultation. It involves double yellow lines on the right hand side and provision for parking between 10 am – 3 pm to prevent all day parking but allows parking near to the entrance to the school. The process will have taken a year as expected.

### **Dog Fouling (ML)**

ML needs to collect spray from CDC. It was noted that spraying dog pooh seems to work provided that a co- ordinate approach is used i.e. choose a day to spray all areas and not a bit at a time.

**Action:**

### **Graffiti Painting (DE)**

Not yet removed graffiti on bridge

DE explained that he was under the impression that the probation service were sending a team on an agreed date. He had waited and eventually someone arrived to explain that the one person booked hadn't turned up. It transpired that this person was a youth offender and not an adult on probation as expected. Tony Dix (CDC) is now making arrangements with the Probation Service and is confident that they will also help with the wooded area along the river and City Bank. The owners are GCC and CTC and not interested in carrying out the work themselves. It was noted that furniture and supermarket trolleys have been removed from the river.

**Action:**

## **9. Community**

### **The Golden Farm**

The meeting was advised that the pub is due to close on 18 July. It needs a considerable amount of money spent on it and is the only listed building in Beeches.

### **Social Events**

Janet Broomfield has offered to be the social representative for any joint social events.

**Action:** Watermoor Group is keen for JB to call a meeting to progress.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **Terms Of Reference**

Liza had circulated draft TOR's and advised that these were needed instead of a Constitution to enable the Group to apply for Ward grants and other funding. It was agreed to feedback comments to CB for discussion at the next meeting.

**Action:**

### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting needs to be longer in order to devote time to finalising the Welcome Packs and the Terms of Reference.

**Action:**

### **Our Future Cirencester**

RS has been asked to join a new committee looking at Sustainable Transport. It was noted that there will be a presentation on OFC at Ingleside House in September.

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

Thursday, 16 Sept 2010 starting at 7.00pm.

**Action:** It was agreed to invite Lucia Shaw who organises the Youth Offender Team at GCC to the October meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.10 pm