

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 April 2011

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), 12 Residents, Representatives of Cirencester Town Council, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council, Bromfords HA

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mike Jupp, Peter Braidwood, Liza Darroch

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 10 March 2011

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

None

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that the Annual General meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, 8 June and that nominations will be sought for all posts.

5. Town, District and County Councillors' Reports

Victoria Road School

Cllr Mrs Alexander advised that there are plans to fence off one side of the playing field for the protection of pupils, the path will remain accessible to the public and the other side will remain open. As a site registered by Historic and Ancient Monuments, a dig is currently underway.

Cirencester Makes Music

Part of Our Future Cirencester initiative is proposing to pull all music events in the Town together under one umbrella called "Cirencester Makes Music". There will be a programme of events on CTC website.

Diamond Jubilee

There are hopes to arrange an event around "Picnic in the Park"

6. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership

Churn Funday – 8 May 2011

Funday in St Michael's Park

Need banner or means of publicising the Group for the stand

JB has all in hand - Treasure Map but needs help on the day – SA, JS, ML, CB, PB and AG

7. Community Building

Update from the Steering Group

Steering Group has recently met and plan to:

Investigate how other halls are operate

Clarify its position in the decision making process.

Plan community consultation event.

8. Kingshill Development and New Residents

Welcome Packs

- RS confirmed that 50 packs have been collated
- Include some new information
- Will be distributed when the next Stanbrook Guide is available
- Need volunteers to distribute
- Bromfords HA has handed out to new customers where it has been well received.

It was agreed to include information from voluntary / not for profit organisations and will only include information from commercial organisations if providing an offer that is relevant to new residents or BCG.

Footbridge

It was noted that construction of the bridge will begin in August 2011 with completion September 2012. However, there will be no access to the bridge until the footpath is reinstated. Berkeley Homes state that a safe route cannot be found for 2 years. James Trotter (BHA) advised that he understood access to have been agreed at the side of the dual carriage way to Golden Farm Road into first phase but it was agreed that it is not safe for children to walk on bank of carriageway.
RS to pursue.

9. Environmental Graffiti – Update

Quotes had been received between £6,500 and £4,500 and work is still planned for early August.

Litter Pick - Update

- DV advised that a very good job had been done at City Bank and the path near to the old Swan Sanctuary
- Lots of rubbish piled up but some was taken over the weekend – bikes, waste metal etc.
- Ditch near Golden Farm is still a problem but GCC clear out during the next few weeks. Needs to be cleared of rubbish before cutting back.
- Need squad of more able bodied to tackle first cut of nettles etc.
- BHA to look at the condition of the fence.
- It was agreed that it is important to keep on top of it.

10. Community Beeches Garden Fete – Ingleside, Sunday 14 August

JB advised that she had received a lot of donated items which she had sorted. Some sold at car boot sales and raised £40 which would be used towards prizes.

Social Committee

Weston Super Mare Trip on Wednesday, 3 August.
Possibly 3 coaches at the moment
£8 per head approx. depending on numbers
Need volunteers to put up posters nearer to the time

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman advised that there could be confusion arising from similarity of addresses and that he had received post for Plot 26 Kingshill. The developer is calling Kingshill South, Kingshill Meadow.

Watermoor Group has a presentation from Fair Shares at their last meeting. It was explained that members offer services and gain credits for work done. Credits can be donated to the Group

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 12 May 2011 starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm