

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 12 May 2011

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), 5 Residents, Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander (CTC), Cllr John Hughes (CTC and CDC) Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), Clare Bartlett and James Trotter (BHA) and Clare Charlesworth (Housing 21)

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed new Cllr John Hughes and Claire from Housing 21

Apologies

Liza Darroch (Churn), Cllr John Burgess (CTC, CDC & GCC), Rose and John Leicester and Jenny Smith Tony Cooper (Vice Chairman),

2. **To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 14 April 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**

Nothing

4. **Chairman's Report**

- The Chairman announced that the AGM will take place at the June meeting and that he is standing down as Chair to concentrate on his business.
- The Opportunity Group had been in contact and is very keen for BCG to promote the services of the Centre and include on the website. He is to visit shortly. It was noted that there have been difficulties in developing a cycle path over the Opportunity Groups land and it is hoped to progress this.

5. **Town, District and County Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Mrs Alexander advised:

Victoria Road School –there is nothing further to report regarding the fencing of the field but gave the assurance that the part of the field remaining open will not be built on.

Cirencester Makes Music – Standard is to carry an article

Diamond Jubilee – need to be thinking about events

6. **Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership**

Nothing to report.

7. **Community Building** - Update from the Steering Group

Cllr Mrs Alexander and Caroline Braidwood advised that the Steering Group had recently visited a community facility in Nailsworth which had been funded from a grant from the European Union, a developer and the Town Council who run it under a Trust. A visit to a jointly owned Baptist Church and Community facility will take place shortly.

8. **Kingshill Development and New Residents**

Roger Sweeting advised:

Welcome Packs

50 are prepared and ready to go but waiting for the new Stanbrook guide to be completed and an offer from Waitrose.

Foot Path

Agreement has been reached to put in temporary path but this may have to be closed occasionally when work is being carried out. The permanent path will be open when the bridge is available expected September 2012.

9. **Environmental Graffiti – Update**

Doug Emmot passed on a warning from British Transport Police about the dangers of acid pens and that they should not be picked up if found lying around.

Litter Pick – Update

Doug Emmot reported that the Ward Is looking much tidier; the ditch near Golden Farm has been cleared by Highways today and the fallen tree will be cleared by Bromfords; the ditch is a continuing problem and we need to find a long term solution. Secretary to contact the Probation Service.

Complaint received that children had to walk in road while the ditch was being cleared but it was agreed to ask Highways to put out barriers in future.

Continuing to help Watermoor Group and will help Park Group soon.

Noise Nuisance

A resident complained about excessively loud music from a neighbouring property and it was agreed to contact CDC to ascertain the procedure. The Police response was disappointing and Cllr Braidwood agreed to take it up with local Officers.

10. Community

Social Committee

Fun Day went very well and Beeches stand had made around £37.

August Garden Fete at Ingleside – public liability insurance to cover Beeches car park is too expensive. Have received a donated bicycle – 1st prize. Also face painting and fortune telling. Need volunteers for fete. Janet will have list of requirements for next meeting.

Trip to Weston Super Mare

Contact Janet for more information.

Children's group will go to the wildlife park separately as there is concern there will not be enough adults to help on the Weston trip.

Display boards – have been donated by Bromfords Housing Association.

Watermoor Walks – 2 walks and 2 talks in July. Circulate by email

11. Any Other Business

Fair Shares <http://www.fairshares.org.uk/>

Watermoor Group has become a member. It was agreed to circulate information to Beeches members and include on the website.

Power Cut on Saturday night – it was reported that during the electricity cut several children's bikes and scooters had been stolen together with the legs from a trampoline. Bikes had also been thrown into the pond.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, 9 June 2011 starting at 6.30 pm.

Clare Charlesworth, Housing 21

- Sheltered Housing for the elderly on Kingshill South development aimed at keeping people in their own homes with support for independent living.
- 62 apartments – 42 single and 20 2-bed rental properties
- The building is secure and locked
- Communal areas – also open to the community
- Hairdresser, in house restaurant and other facilities
- On site Manager on duty 9 am – 5 pm with carers on site 24 hours per day
- All occupants will be assessed by CDC and will need a connection to the Cotswolds to be eligible
- Occupants can choose the amount of care needed
- Show flat will be open at the end of July
- Building handed over from builders at end of September
- Bromfords Housing Association have a section of properties that are not supported
- Will create local employment - hairdresser, gardeners, carers, catering.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm