

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 13 October 2011

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), 9 Residents, Cllr John Hughes (CTC & CDC), Cllr J Burgess (CTC & CDC & GCC), Liza Darrock (The Churn), Clare Bartlett (Bromfords), Claire Charlesworth (Housing 21), PC Stu Plant and PCSO Renee Morgan

1. Welcome and Apologies

Roger Sweeting, Rose and John Leicester and Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC)

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 8 September 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 Temporary Path from Kingshill

Confirmation has been received from Bromfords that the path has now been reduced by half due to Phase 3 of the site having been opened but that the path is only temporary.

Refuse Bins for Corinium Via and Regular emptying

It has been confirmed that as the roads have yet to be adopted by Gloucestershire Highways, arrangements to empty bins could not be made even if they were installed. It was, therefore, decided to find some other use for funds available under the Community safety grant such as benches.

Action: Overhanging Hedge along Blackberry Walk

It was agreed to contact Glos Highways to ask if this could be cut back.

4. Chairman's Report

5. Community Building

Feedback from Town Council Presentation

Presentation was well received and a TC Steering Group is being set up to take forward. BCG will have 3 seats and the first meeting is likely to be in November.

6. Social Committee

Christmas Dinner – Friday, 9 December at 7.30 pm at Ingleside House

Janet needs booking and payments (pref cash) by 2 December together with donations for Christmas hamper to raffle.

Action:

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Action:

Need idea for stall and a representative for the TC group.

7. The Way Forward

Venue change

With the re-opening of the Golden Farm it had been suggested that our meeting venue should move there but it was agreed to continue to meet at Ingleside House.

Pop In at the Golden Farm

- Everyone is keen to get this underway.
- Kitchen to be installed at the Golden Farm next week and serving meals from 1 November.
- Have written to Pam Ayres inviting her to the launch and will also approach Gloucestershire radio
- There are no grants available from Age UK.
- This could be BCG contribution to Make a Difference Day on 29 October as the theme is isolation
- Janet has raised £22.75 which could be used for cake to celebrate the launch.

Youth

Ozone will be moving to the Impact Centre on 10 January 2012.

Encouraging New Members

Continue. It was noted that new members have attended the last 2 meetings.

8. Reports

Litter Picking – Doug Emmot

Continuing to keep area clean.

Action: Welcome Packs

Still waiting for Waitrose and Gardeners inserts. The Chairman to pursue in RS absence.

The Churn

LD reminded everyone to vote for grant funding for the Churn and the Ozone.

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Police – PC Stu Plant and PCSO Renee Morgan

- Since the last meeting, 12 crimes have been committed including 2 on the building site.
- A resident has been targeted by youngsters resulting in damage to fence and bushes. PCSO is developing better relationships.
- DE called the Police regarding a Cold Caller. Police arrived very quickly and the offender was caught nearby.
- PC Stu Plant explained that he has been drafted in to help at potential riot locations but that it should not affect policing in Cirencester. It has been recognised that a more robust presence is needed on Friday and Saturday nights similar to the old Operation Street Safe which is now called Operation Scorpion.
- There will be a greater Police presence during Halloween from 29 October up to and including Bonfire Night.
- Warned residents to ensure doors and windows are closed during hours of darkness and as the clocks change.
- Police aware of problems and will monitor in North Homes Road and Crabtree Lane.
- Next Community Safety Meeting will be at the Park Ward Community Group meeting on Monday, 24 October at 7.30 pm
- Residents drew Police attention to traffic speeds on London Road and this will be monitored.

Action:

9. Any Other Business

Emergency Plan – Liza Darroch

Explained that the TC hopes the Community Groups will develop plans in each Ward which can be brought together to serve the Town – develop community social care in small areas.

Action: Need 3 people to spend some time working on the template. Volunteered: Katie Willett, Kate Dew, Tony Cooper, Doug Emmott, Caroline Braidwood with Liza Darroch.

Seat on London Road

It was agreed to make enquiries to find out who had removed the seat and if there are plans to replace it.

Action: **Fence / Handrail along Path to Rear of Victoria Road School**
Railing down the hill and over the river is in need of repair.

Post Office on Beeches – Cllr John Burgess

Cllr Burgess explained that a proposal has recently been put to the owners of Beeches Stores to re-open the Post Office but this will not be taken up.

Beeches Road Bridge

Parked cars over the bridge are causing a hazard. JB to take up with Highways.

Mulberry Court

Open day – 2 November 10 am - 2 pm

Hope that first occupants will be in by 14 November.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 10 November 2011 starting at 6.45 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.55 pm