

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 9 February 2012

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), 14 Residents, Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander (CTC), Cllr P Braidwood (GCC), Cllr J Burgess (CTC & CDC & GCC), PCSO Renee Morgan, Marilyn Cox (GRCC) and Stephen Wright (CDP), Jamie Walton (CTC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

James Trotter (Bromfords), Liza Darroch (The Churn) Clare Bartlett (Bromfords)

2. Minutes from the Meeting held on 12 January 2012

Proposed by Mrs R Leicester and Seconded by Cllr J Burgess and unanimously resolved to be an accurate recorded and signed by the Chairman.

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

Coffee Morning at Mulberry Court

Tuesday, 6 March 10.30 -12 noon. All Welcome

Locations for Litter, Dog Waste & Grit/Salt Bins

As attached.

Bench from London Road

It was agreed to check the situation with Jamie Walton

4. Cirencester Development Partnership – Stephen Wright

- Appointed short term to bring together and progress some aspects of the community plan.
- CDT has been formed as a charity which can access funding which is not available to the
- It must be self-financing and self-sustaining after the first year
- Best way to achieve this is to generate an income possibly from owning a building.
- Starting up a youth hostel is the preferred option but will need to prove that there is a requirement.
- Needs the right person to lead the CDP to work in partnership with all 3 levels of local authority.
- May have a charitable donor who will provide funding to purchase a building.

5. Chairman's Report

6. Reports from Police, Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council and Cirencester Town Council

Cllr Mrs Alexander:

- Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee bench has been re-instated in the Abbey Grounds
- A fund will be started in June to provide a memorial for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – possibly a bench.
- Encouraged everyone to take part in all of the events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee including the torch light procession and volunteering to marshall and help with crowd control.
- Schools are on holidays so can't enlist pupils
- Making contact with all of the organisations in the Town.

Cllr Burgess:

Despite rumours, Tesco is not pulling of the bridge and the next phase of work will take place on 11 February (weather permitting) followed by painting and lighting. It is hoped that it will be completed by the end of March.

Liaising with Berkley Homes to complete the path to the bridge

Highways are currently consulting on the closure of Preston toll bar and installing a roundabout near to the proposed Siddington Park Farm development.

Fosse Close will be resurfaced in the next financial year

Restricted 20 mph areas are to be re-enforced by roundels markings

7. Community Building - Report from the Kingshill Facilities Sub Group

CBC has now met with its trustees who have agreed to progress negotiations with BCG and the

Town Council to try to provide a joint building. CBC not entirely happy about joint ownership and may prefer a semi-detached arrangement. A subgroup needs to be formed to represent the needs of the community and those interested should put their names forward. It is likely that a public meeting will take place in April after the BCG meeting to consult the community.

8. Social Committee

Easter Bonnet Competition – Monday 9 April 2012 (Easter Monday Bank Holiday)

During the Pop Inn 10.30 am – 12 noon

3 Classes – Men, Women and Children. Entrance 50 p

Also **Easter Egg hunt** in the garden. Classes: 2 – 6 years and 7 – 10 years. Entrance 50 p

Need at least 2 volunteers to hang bunting and to stand at entrance

Summer Fete – Sunday, 5 August 2012 1 – 4 pm at Golden Farm Inn

Tony will collect tables

Provide Pig Roast and charity stalls.

Need donations

Unanimously agreed that 50% of the profits will go to the Churn Project.

Weston Trip – Tuesday, 14 August 2012

£8 per head (same as last year)

Shopping trip in December to Christmas Market

To be confirmed

9. Reports

Pop Inn Progress at the Golden Farm – Malcolm Lewis (Chairman)

Going tremendously well. Have many new social committee members from Pop Inn. Numbers fluctuate between 19 -40.

Litter Picking – Doug Emmott

Confirmed that litter bins can be used for dog waste provided that it is double wrapped.

Welcome Packs – Roger Sweeting

Not available

The Churn

Cirencester Open Gardens in July to raise funds for the Churn. Circulate information when available.

It was also announced that Liza Darroch's contract is coming to an end. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Mulberry Court

Scrabble Club starting at Mulberry Court and hoping to enlist new litter pickers. May begin a Whist club in due course.

10. Any Other Business

Deadline for Churn articles is 2 March. Send email reminder and circulate Adele's email address.

Friends of City Bank meeting went well. Next meeting will be held on site (weather permitting) in early March.

Dog Faeces

Residents complained that there is more dog mess recently. Mrs Leicester confirmed that spraying with paint doesn't seem to have any effect. It was agreed to include something in the Churn, to enlist the help of local Vet's, request posters from CDC and to investigate how other areas have tackled the problem.

BCG Publicity Leaflet

It was agreed to investigate costs and options.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 8 March 2012 starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.35 pm