

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 June 2012

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Tony Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), 7 Residents, James Trotter (Bromfords), Cllr Johnathan Hughes (CTC and CDC), Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Shirley Alexander, PCSO Renee Morgan, Ros Lewis, Lynn Smith, Brian Smith, Bill Smith, Kath Smith, Jamie Walton (CTC) and Cllr John Burgess.

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 12 May 2011

Proposed by Janet Broomfield, Seconded by Rose Leicester 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

None

4. Chairman's Report

Pop Inn is going tremendously well with 25 – 30 attending regularly. There had been a suggestion that the Pop Inn should stand alone with the Social Committee and run alongside the Community Group rather than remain part of it. This proposal was discussed by the meeting but it was unanimously agreed that the Pop Inn and the Social Committee should remain part of the Community Group.

5. Finance Report

Deferred to the next meeting

6. Election of Chairman – To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2012

Deferred to the next meeting

7. Election of Officers:

Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Press & Publicity and Social Committee - To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2013

Deferred to the next meeting

8. Election of Social Committee - To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2013

Deferred to the next meeting

9. Police, Town, District and County Councillors' Reports

- **Police (report by email and circulated after the meeting)**

Theft- 3, Burglary Dwelling - 2, Criminal Damage - 1, Drugs- 1, Total- 7

This is a 73% reduction on the same period last year, in which there were 29 offences.

Year to date, overall there has been a 48% reduction in crime for Beeches area in comparison with the same period last year which we are very pleased with.

- **Cllr John Hughes (CTC and CDC)**

Asked that residents advise him of any potholes that need filling and advised that there will be changes to the waste collection.

- **Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC)**

Advised that Arnolds Way and Fosse Close are due to be re-surfaced shortly.

10. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership – Update

The Chairman advised that Liza Darroch has now left the Churn and management of the Partnership has been taken over by Jamie Walton at the Town Council. It is hoped that he will attend the next meeting.

11. Community Building – Update

Cllr John Hughes reported that the Baptist Church has withdrawn from the project and it is now dependent upon joint working with the County Council who will be developing a new Primary

School on the site.

12. Reports

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Interest in carrying out speed watch needs to be submitted via the Town Council and will require enough people to do it. There was discussion about the benefits as speeds on Burford Road have already been monitored and no evidence found to suggest a problem. However, following a vote it was agreed to submit a request to the Town Council suggesting that a group could be set up with representatives from all the Community Groups as each individual Group may not have enough interested people to support a speed watch.

Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis (Chairman)

Continues to progress well.

Litter Picking – Doug Emmott

Doug Emmott reported that an excellent job had been done on the ditch at Queen Elizabeth Road by the Payback Scheme and couldn't speak highly enough of their work and enthusiasm. He said that a good relationship has now been established and should be nurtured. Both the Chairman and Roger Sweeting had written letters of thanks. It was agreed that the ditch should be trimmed twice per year to keep the growth under control.

Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott

Roger Sweeting confirmed that he is handing over to Doug Emmott and Mike Jupp and he was asked to provide a pack for new residents in Pheasant Way.

Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth

Not available

13. Social Committee

Rose Leicester reported :

20 people had taken part in the Torchlight procession from Beeches at the QDJ event at Abbey Grounds and £111 had been raised on the 2 Beeches stands.

£39 had been raised on the Churn Fun Day and Mike Jupp was thanked for manning the stand.

Summer Fete – Sunday, 5 August

Janet Broomfield advised that bottles and donations for all stalls are needed.

Roger Sweeting's daughter is allowing us to use the Olympic Torch that she carried through Bristol so that we can offer photo opportunities to people visiting the Fete.

It was agreed to put a leaflet together and investigate distribution with The Churn and printing at CTC.

Trip to Weston – Tuesday, 14 August

26 bookings so far.

December Shopping Trip to Christmas Market

To be replaced by a Bingo Evening in December.

14. Any Other Business

- **Mike Jupp** reported that the construction of the road connecting North Home Road and Kingsmeadow has been delayed by Berkley Homes who have not been forthcoming with the reason and the roads on the new estate have not yet been approved by Gloucestershire Highways. It would appear that the new road is intended for multi-use and will not have a dedicated footway for pedestrians.
- **The Paddocks** – there have been rumours that the play equipment is to be removed and the land developed for housing. Cllr Hughes confirmed that misinformation is circulating.
- **Redundant Railway Line Footpath**
It was noted that the higher level footpath needs to be cleared and renewed.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 12 July 2011 at The Golden Farm starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm