

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 8 March 2012

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), 9 Residents,, Cllr P Braidwood (GCC), Cllr J Burgess (CTC & CDC & GCC), James (Bromfords), Claire Charlesworth (Mulberry Court

1. Welcome and Apologies

Keith Handley and Claire Barlett

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 9 February 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

- Bins – locations confirmed
- Missing Bench from London Road – chase Town Council
- Cirencester Development Partnership – Liza gave overview and explained its purpose. She also confirmed that she will be leaving in June and her role will be taken over by Jamie Walton from the TC.

4. Chairman's Report

Pop in going from strength to strength with lots of ideas and people getting involved.

5. Reports from Police, Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council and Cirencester Town Council including:

Police

Crime figures in the Cotswold down by 8% due to input from community.

Cllr John Burgess

- 0% Council tax rise from CDC and GCC but increase from CTC.
- Recycle Green bin charge will not rise for 3 years.
- Kingshill Bridge will be opened by 10 April.
- 20 is plenty signs available from CDC. Some think that it won't work as it's difficult to influence some dangerous drivers.

Cllr Shirley Alexander - Town's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

- Liza is co-ordinating a Torchlight procession.
- Hope that each Community Group will take part and lead the 5 part procession into the Abbey grounds, each with a Banner.
- Unanimously approved to spend £30 on banner.
- Rose needs names of people willing to take part.
- More details available from 1 April.

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

Confidential report going to next TC meeting and information will be available afterwards.

7. Social Committee

Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Egg Hunt – Monday, 9 April

- 21 signed up Easter Bonnet competition and 5 for Easter Egg Hunt
- Will be advertised in The Churn, Bromfords newsletter, local schools and hope to have coverage on BBC Radio Gloucestershire

Summer Fete – Sunday, 5 August

Need bunting and donations for stalls and prizes. List to be available for the next meeting

Trip to Weston – Tuesday, 14 August

Collection from Beeches Car Park. £8 per person

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

It has been suggested that the Group hold a 2 course lunch at Ingleside at £12 per head. Can accommodate 40 people and if more will use the theatre.

8. Reports

Litter Picking –Doug Emmott

- Suggest use Community payback scheme to clear the ditch.
- Complaint that a lot of litter is left after the bin men – Cllr Burgess to take up with CDC
- Need to litter pick the new estate when have enough able bodies on the estate.
- Banks of the by-pass also need picking but access restricted to Highways approved contractors.
- Lots of dog poo. Rose waiting for notices and will chase
- Investigate DNA testing which has been carried out in other places.
- Opportunity to apply for Champion Litter Picker Award - propose Doug
- Also suggest Ron Rogers – voluntary litter picker once per week.

Welcome Packs – Roger Sweeting

Over 350 given out so far and 100 to go. Roger is finding it more difficult to continue and needs someone to help out as he is away more and more. Takes about half a day per month but is easy work - Mike Jupp offered with help from Doug Emmott.

The Churn – Liza Darroch

Cirencester Open Gardens will be fund raising for the Churn – 8 July. Plants for sale and teas available. Encourage people to visit.

Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth

Successful coffee morning and good opportunity to promote facilities.

Emergency Planning

Lynn Barber, Lynn Saunders and Dee Drinan have volunteered to be involved for the Group.

9. Any Other Business

Resident complained about boy racers and noisy cars in Partridge Way. Cllr Braidwood agreed to take it further.

Tree at corner of Queen Elizabeth Road needs cutting back – CB to investigate.

Stratton Drama Group supporting the Churn project with production on 18 April.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 12 April 2012 starting at 6.30 pm. Police Meeting after the next Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 24 April 2012 – Open meeting to promote the new Community building.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm