

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 8 November 2012

Present: Tony Cooper (Chairman), Jenny Smith, Mike Jupp, Roger Sweeting, Doug Emmott, Keith Handley, Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), Cllr John Burgess (CTC, CDC and GCC), Jamie Walton (CTC) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Malcolm Lewis, James Trotter, Janet Broomfield, Lyn Smith, Brian Smith and Kath Smith.

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 October 2012

Unanimously agreed to be an accurate recorded and signed by the Chairman.

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

Details of the dates and times have been circulated by email.

4. Chairman's Report (Attached)

In the Chairman's absence his report was read by the Vice Chairman.

5. Finance Report

Not Available – to follow.

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

Police Report

Attached and previously circulated by email. It was noted that crime figures are the lowest they have ever been in Cirencester.

Cllr John Burgess (Town, District & County) and Cllr Peter Braidwood (County)

- Emergency Council meeting to discuss the badger cull was cancelled.
- All Councils are currently looking at budgets for the next financial year.
- Old Memorial Hospital – tenants are moving out as the building has now been sold. Living History has found a new home.
- Fosse Close and Arnolds Way issues have been addressed except the grit bin from the Town Council. Jamie Walton to progress.

Jamie Walton, Urban Community Development Officer, CTC

- CTC has now taken over the CCTV system and is hoping to revamp it.
- 30 November – 16 December there will be a synthetic ice rink in the Abbey Grounds with enchanted trail. Fees will be £6 per adult per 30 min session including skate hire. It will be open from midday until 8 pm during the Christmas Market.

7. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership – Update

Nothing to report

8. Reports

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Waiting for all Community Groups to come on board and when Andy Fogden will progress.

Burford Road Crossing – Keith Handley

Many near misses as well as accidents have been reported and repeater signs are needed to alert drivers to the 30mph speed limit and the crossing. It was noted that there will be traffic lights once the new junction is in place but, in the meantime, Cllrs Braidwood and Burgess will try to increase signage.

Cirencester Parking Partnership – Keith Handley

It was reported that residents of Beeches Road have concerns about new proposals for parking. The County Councillors advised that they have a meeting with residents tomorrow.

Neighbourhood Watch

Keith Handley is now the overall coordinator for Beeches and he is trying to identify local co-ordinators who are still active as well as finding co-ordinators for new areas such as Corinium Via, Kingshill Meadow and London Mews. There will be an article in Churn in December. Jamie Walton confirmed that he is also trying to find co-ordinators for each area to help

with Emergency Planning.

Pop Inn

First Birthday party on 19 November.

Litter Picking –Doug Emmott

It was reported that new residents have offered to help in Lower Churnside and it was noted that there is a great improvement everywhere since work began.

Welcome Packs – Roger Sweeting, Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott

Beeches contact sheet needs updating and most of the information needs to be generic so that fewer updates are required. Have been waiting for new inserts from Waitrose and Gardners but as these are not forthcoming new packs can be assembled without them.

Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth

Not available.

Bromford Living – James Trotter

Not available

9. Social Committee

Christmas Dinner – Friday, 7 December

Payment and choices to be in by the end of November.

10. Any Other Business

Condition of path under Golden Farm Road bridge

County Councillors to discuss at Highways meeting tomorrow and liaise with Jamie Walton (CTC)

Link Access Road

Mike Jupp advised that GCC is continuing plans for the bus route between the two Estates and he has contacted all County Councillors.

Vacancy in Stratton

It was noted that there is a vacancy for a Town Councillor at Stratton

Next Police Meeting

This will take place in Park Ward in January

Remembrance Sunday

This coming Sunday, 11 November

Aerial Photograph of New Mills–

Mike Jupp showed an old aerial photograph and agrees to email it to the Secretary for circulation to the Group.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 10 January 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm