

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 11 October 2012

Present: Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Tony Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Social Secretary), 10 Residents, James Trotter (Bromfords), Cllr Jonathan Hughes (CTC and CDC), Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), Cllr John Burgess (CTC, CDC and GCC)

Hannah Sturman from Fair Shares gave an overview explaining the aims of Fair Shares. She explained that everyone is welcome to join regardless of the level of help they are able to offer. The aim of the time bank is to connect people with their neighbours swapping their skills within the network. Fair Shares has a 15-seater coach that is available to everyone who joins. She apologised for not being able to attend the talk at the Pop Inn.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Clare Bartlett (Bromfords), PCSO Renee Morgan, Caroline Braidwood, Claire Charlesworth (Housing 21), Bill Smith and Jenny Smith.

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 12 July 2011

Proposed: Janet Broomfield Seconded: Peter Braidwood and unanimously agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

4. Chairman's Report

- Now well advanced with the preparations for next year's fete.
- As our organisation grows the committee has decided to formalise arrangements for finances and the way we work. These will be circulated and presented for approval at the next meeting.

5. Finance Report (Attached)

In the absence of the Treasurer the Finance Report had been circulated previously. The Chairman said that even after the donations of £350 to Families Matter and £150 to CLIC Sargent we still have a healthy figure of £601.10 in our account. Roger Sweeting thanked the Group on behalf of CLIC Sargent for such a generous donation which will go towards a Community Nurse in Cirencester.

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

Police Report (Attached)

Unavailable but a report had been circulated previously. It was noted that crime has reduced so much that new Magistrates are no longer being recruited.

Cllr John Burgess said that the Bridge on Beeches Road that was damaged by a tragic accident now has a new date for early December; this is because arrangements must be made to close the by-pass below.

Notices are being delivered concerning resurfacing of the road through the Estate and weather permitting the work will be carried out on Friday and Saturday.

Cllr John Hughes

- The Memorial Hospital will be sold by CDC and tenants are now trying to find new premises.
- Carrier bags and cling film are not accepted with the new kerbside plastics collection.
- CDC will replace the cardboard and plastics sacks free of charge. Also contact CDC if your plastics sack has not been delivered.
- Any initiative to cut down waste made through packaging is the responsibility of national government.
- The Youth Town Council is still in its infancy but is progressing and developing all the time.

7. **Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership - Update**
The Chairman stated that he was disappointed with the CNP and Doug Emmott complained that despite several telephone calls and calling in to the Office he had been unable to make contact. It was suggested that Jamie Walton is invited to attend the next meeting.
8. **Community Building – Update**
Nothing to report.
9. **Reports**
Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley
The Community Speed Watch project is waiting for all the groups to get together.
Pop Inn Progress – Lynn Smith
- The Pop Inn is going exceedingly well and the Chairman thanked Lyn Smith for all her hard work. This week there were some new faces at Mondays Pop Inn and it is hoped that we will see them again in the future.
 - Lyn has arranged a pantomime trip for the Pop Inn in early January; all 25 seats are now full.
 - 19 November is The Pop Inn's first birthday. The Chairman invited the Group along and hopes they will enjoy themselves. There will be Bingo with Christmassy prizes along with a raffle and a Birthday cake.
- Litter Picking –Doug Emmott**
Children at Paternoster House have asked for equipment to carry out a litter pick
- Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott**
Welcome Packs are still awaiting contributions from Gardiners and Waitrose. Waitrose new restaurant is due to be completed by 26th of this month. Some new residents are without packs but these will be delivered by Berkeley Homes once they are available.
- Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth**
Not available
- Phoenix Playgroup**
James Trotter will find out how they are getting on and report to the next meeting. Christmas Dinner will be on Friday December 7th cost is £20 a head and 18 people placed their names on the list.
- Bromford Living**
James Trotter advised that more homes in Kingshill Meadow are to be released by the developer shortly. Bromfords play area has now been closed due to Health & Safety. The developer did not have permission for this and plans have now been amended.
10. **Social Committee**
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Monday, 24 September
Roselyn Lewis thanked everyone who had attended and supported the event held at the Pop Inn. It was a very successful morning of raffles, cake sales, spin the wheel and resulted in £205 being raised.
Future Events including:
First Anniversary of the Pop Inn – Monday, 19 November
Will include: Bring a Plate, raffle, quiz and Birthday Cake.
Christmas Bingo – Wednesday, 21 November
Further information to follow.
Christmas Dinner – Friday, 7 December
Information will be available soon.
11. **Any Other Business**
It was noted that deaf, blind and disabled people have not been consulted over the new plans for the Market Place and concerns were expressed over the new road and walkway surface where there are currently drop kerbs and tactile surfaces informing blind people that they are approaching a road.
12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Thursday, 8 November 2012 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm.
The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm