

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 11 July 2013

Present: Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield, Keith Handley, Tony Cooper, Doug Emmett, Mike Jupp, James Trotter (Bromfords), Jenny Smith, Paige Lilley (Cirencester Youth Town Council) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jamie Walton (CTC), Peter Braidwood, Renee

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 13 June 2013

Not available and deferred to the next meeting.

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

None

4. Chairman's Report

Dog Fouling on the green area at Kingshill

The Chairman advised that a complaint made by a resident and the offender identified who is to be fined.

It was reported that another resident has been identified and the incident is to be followed up by CDC.

5. Finance Report (Attached)

Noted

Thanks was expressed to Bromfords for the £150 donation.

JB proposed that £500 from funds should be donated to the Air Ambulance and this was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed to arrange a photo shoot outside the Golden Farm pub when the cheque is handed over.

Both JB and ML advised that they will not organise Fete again next year and that the Golden Farm pub is prepared to take it over unless others within the Group are prepared to do so.

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

The Police report was circulated and thefts from cars noted.

7. Kingshill Community Facility – Update

It was reported that there have been some hitches but it is still going ahead although the opening may be delayed till Jan 2015.

Concern was expressed that the Group is not being fully consulted.

8. Reports

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Although names have been sent to the TC, the Police still have not been informed.

Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley

A leaflet drop has been carried out but produced no volunteers.

KH advised that he is waiting for his security checks to be carried out before becoming a volunteer at the Police station helping Andy Fogden

Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis

Nothing to report.

Litter Picking –Doug Emmott

DE advised that he has written and phoned CDC about clearing the ditch but has received no response. It was suggested that filling in the ditch would prevent further problems

Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott

Nothing to report.

Bromford Living – James Trotter

JT advised:

the Phoenix Playgroup is to close and that Bromfords is looking for another tenant for the

building.

if anyone is aware of anyone struggling due the changes in the benefits system, they should contact Bromfords.

Fairshares – Caroline Braidwood

Nothing to report

Facebook and Twitter Development – Paige Lilley

Facebook - 11 more likes probably due to the Fete which was a great event

Twitter – now have 23 followers

9. Social Events

Progress on Coach Trip to Weston-super-Mare – 7 August 2013

Only 8 seats left. If unsold will offer these seats to the Churn

Moulin Rouge – 28 September 2013 – Air Ambulance Fundraiser

Plans going extremely well with many good prizes donated.

A lot of tickets are promised but no sales yet

A lot of good entertainment has been arranged.

It was agreed to loan the Group £40 for a raffle ticket licence.

Annual Garden Fete – 9 June

ML advised that many good comments had been received and he thanked everyone for their help.

10. Any Other Business

PL to invite the deputy mayor to next meeting

Arrangements for the Group's AGM on 10 October 2013

ML advised that he will be standing down as Chairman and that the Group will need a new committee to go forward. It was agreed that this should be included in the Churn article.

Bus Route Petition

MJ advised that he had chased for results of the road safety audit and had been advised that another is being carried out. He is concerned that GCC hasn't been entirely honest and accused some officers of being biased and prejudiced against him; Highways will no longer answer the questions he has raised.

MJ now expects a reply by 26 July and it was suggested that he contacts Cllr Nigel Robbins (GCC).

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 12 September 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.30 pm.