

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 13 June 2013

Present: Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield, Jenny Smith, Paige Lilley (Cirencester Youth Town Council), Mike Jupp, PCSO Renee Broad and Ian Craig (W&G Standard).

1. Welcome and Apologies

Peter and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), Cllr John Hughes (CDC & CTC) and Keith Handley

2. Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 April and 9 May 2013

Deferred to the next meeting

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

None

4. Chairman's Report

None

5. Finance Report (Attached)

The finance report was circulated. It was explained that although over £1,000 was taken there were considerable costs as entertainment and prizes were provided.

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

Police

Renee explained that her name had change due to her recent marriage and members congratulated her.

She explained that crime figures were much higher than they had been for a long time with 45 thefts in Cirencester, 23 from unlocked cars. In May there were 13 incidents of theft, 1 cycle theft, 1 shoplifting, 1 assault, 1 drug possession in Beeches.

PCSOs had walked the length of North Home Road trying car doors and found 12 UNLOCKED together with 5 in Avery Way. Renee explained that this exercise would be repeated and car owners notified when cars were found unlocked.

It was agreed to distribute posters warning of the dangers throughout the estate and PCSO Broad suggested that car owners should leave glove compartments open to show there was nothing to steal. It was further agreed to include a warning in the next Churn Renee suggested that car owners when leaving the car overnight leave the glove compartment open, showing the potential thief that there was nothing worth stealing.

7. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership

Deferred to the next meeting.

8. Kingshill Community Facility – Update

Deferred to the next meeting.

9. Reports:

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Still waiting for the Town Council to progress.

Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley

Volunteers are needed in Partridge Way.

Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis

Numbers have decreased slightly but is still progressing well.

Litter Picking –Doug Emmott

The litter in the ditch behind the flats has built up again and is in urgent need of emptying.

Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott

Nothing to report

Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth

Nothing to report.

Bromford Living – James Trotter

There is concern that the new welfare reform bedroom tax may cause difficulty for some people. James asked that people are encouraged to contact Bromfords if they foresee a problem.

Fair Shares – Caroline Braidwood

It was reported that the Army Camp at South Cerney is in contact with Fairshares. This first looked to be beneficial but communication seems to have broken down

Facebook and Twitter – Paige Lilley

Paige reported that Twitter is now up and running with 27 followers. She suggested that more information is included on the Banner so that people know where we meet. Facebook have 3 more likes with messages praising the fete.

10. Social Events

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

There are still a few tickets available.

11. Any Other Business

- Mike Jupp reported that he is still fighting the problem with the buses and the access road.
- Dog Fouling - the Chairman advised about a village in Spain where dogs have to be registered and owners contacted when fouling occurs.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 11 July 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm