

# BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of Meeting held on 9 May 2013

**Present:** Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield, Keith Handley, Jenny Smith, Cllr John Burgess (CDC & CTC), Cllr Nigel Robbins (GCC), Cllr Jonathan Hughes (CDC & CTC), Paul and Chris (Corinium Via Residents Association), Clare Bartlett (Bromford), James Trotter (Bromfords), Paige Lilley (Cirencester Youth Town Council) and Ian Craig (W&G Standard).

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Peter and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary)

**2. Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 April 2012**

Deferred to the next meeting

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

None

**4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman mentioned that The Garden fete is almost upon us and help is needed to set up, man stalls and donations for bottle and book stalls. Arrangements for the September Moulin Rouge fundraiser are progressing. It is intended that both events will raise funds for Great Western Air Ambulance.

The Chairman advised that Roger Sweeting has left the group and will be much missed. He did a fantastic job on the Welcome packs and it is hoped that he will keep in touch.

**5. Finance Report**

Treasurer not available and deferred to the next meeting.

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

Report was circulated.

**7. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**8. Kingshill Community Facility – Update**

Deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairman wished it to be minuted that he is disappointed with the lack of information received from the Town Council and Cllr Hughes agreed to follow this up. A question was raised about the provision of tables and chairs and Cllr Burgess confirmed that funds would be available for these nearer to the time.

**9. Reports:**

**Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley**

Janet Broomfield's name has been added to the list of people available.

**Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley**

Only 2 people have responded to the letter requesting volunteers and virtual coordinators and co-ordinators are still needed. Clare Charlesworth has agreed to be the overall co-ordinator.

**Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis**

The Chairman gave an overview for the benefit of new members and explained that it is progressing well.

**Litter Picking –Doug Emmott**

Doug Emmott was not available and Chairman explained the ditch on Queen Elizabeth Road is still a problem although the Probation Service has helped enormously. Fairshares is willing to request help from their members.

Corinium Via Residents Association (CVRA) representatives advised that there are also problems on Corinium Via. The maintenance is carried out by a private company who are not fulfilling their role and litter bins are now full despite several calls. The matter has now

been referred to the company's solicitor.

**Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott**

Nothing to report

**Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth**

The Community Facility at Mulberry Court is now being run by Clare Charlesworth.

**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**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**Facebook and Twitter – Paige Lilley**

Photographs are required of past events.

**10. Social Events**

**Summer Fete – 9 June 2013 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queen's Coronation**

See Chairman's report.

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

£9 per person and hoping for 2 coaches this year.

**11. Any Other Business**

Clare Bartlet advised that if anyone is aware of the metal collector to call the Police non-emergency number 101 as they are travellers and not genuine collectors.

On behalf of Jamie Walton (CTC), Clare also asked for help with the new Local Resilience Plan: Names of volunteers, local risks, what tools are likely to be required, where could they be stored and where could people go if an emergency arose?

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 13 June 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm