

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting held on 10 October 2013

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Tony Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Janet Broomfield, James Trotter (Bromfords), Peter Braidwood, Stuart Tarr, Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander, Jamie Walton (CTC), Jenny Smith, Doug Emmot, Keith Handley, Mike Jupp, PCSO Renee Broad.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Clare Bartlett (Bromfords), Paige Lilley

2. Minutes from Previous Meetings

12 September 2013

The Minutes were amended to include the following under AOB:

Mike Jupp raised the issue of the Bus Gate between North Home Road and Kingshill Meadow as he has been unable to obtain satisfactory replies from any of the Authorities involved. Cllr Nigel Robbins agreed to investigate and liaise with Mike.

In addition, the finish time of the meeting was amended to 7.35 pm

13 June, 11 July and 12 September 2013

The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander

When asked about the Town Council's Christmas Market Chalets, Mrs Alexander confirmed that they have not been sold and will be used for a series of markets beginning 29 November. There will be 4 day markets which will include the existing Monday & Friday markets. The Christmas Lights switched on will take place 30 November.

Mrs Alexander further advised that there had been a reorganisation at the Town Council in May and that she was now lead Member for the community groups with Jamie Walton as supporting Officer. She explained that Jamie has an extremely large portfolio and possibly had not had enough time to get up and running. It would be very disappointing if Beeches is the first community group to collapse.

4. Chairman's Report (Attached)

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for her support and presented her with a staple-less stapler.

The Chairman's Report had been circulated.

He added that the Committee had not changed for 4 years, comprising of Janet Broomfield, Tony Cooper, himself and Caroline Braidwood; he is happy to organise a Christmas Dinner if people are interested in attending; noted that the Welcome Packs for new residents had been omitted from his report and thanked Roger Sweeting for all his work.

The Secretary was requested to write to Liza Darroch thanking her for her help in setting up the Group.

5. Finance Report (Attached)

Noted

6. Election of Chairman – To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2014

No one came forward.

7. Election of Officers to serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2014

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Social Secretary

No one came forward.

In the absence of a Committee various suggestions were made including joining with another Group and looking outside the Ward for a Chairman. It was then decided to hold another meeting in a month's time when people have had time to consider a way forward. Mrs

Alexander said that with the development of a community facility at the new Primary School it is very important for the Group to survive and be involved with this as well as carrying out a Ward audit. She continued that she and Jamie would be meeting the following day to finalise a suitable leaflet to raise awareness of the need for residents to come forward. This could be available for distribution in a week.

8. Reports from the Group

- **Community Speed Watch & Neighbourhood Watch**

Keith Handley advised that no requests had been received from the Town Council to set up Community Speed Watch. However, Neighbour Watch scheme have been set up at Corinium Via, Partridge Way and the occupied phases of Kingshill Meadow.

- **Litter Picking**

Doug Emmott confirmed that this is on going

- **Website, Facebook and Twitter**

Caroline Braidwood advised that the Group has a presence on Facebook and Twitter developed by Paige Lilley. The website was developed and is maintained by Caroline who is prepared to continue to update it unless anyone else wishes to do so.

9. Police - PCSO Renee Broad

Crime in September has dropped to 6 and there have been no thefts from cars. PC Stu Plant is moving to Stow and PC Neil Lightfoot will replace him on 22 Nov.

Members asked about mobile screens that had been showing instances of shoplifting. It transpired that Channel 5 was making a documentary but the Police had not been notified. Collectors of iron now have to be registered with CDC to be able to collect.

North Home Road / Kingshill Meadow Bus Gate – students have been parking on the bend. Concern that a contractor had dumped rubbish in the bus gate but it was anticipated that this would be cleared.

10. Any Other Business

- Mike Jupp reported on the Bus Gate Petition (Attached)
- Cllr Mrs Alexander reminded everyone about the Community Concert on Saturday, 12 October. Tickets are £5 on the door.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

There will be a meeting to reforming the Group on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 at 6.30 pm at Ingleside House.

The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm