

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 12 September 2013

Present: Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield, Tony Cooper, Doug Emmett, Mike Jupp, Jenny Smith, Peter Braidwood, Cllr Nigel Robbins (GCC) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), Tony Cooper, Doug Emmott, John and Rose Leicester and PCSO Renee Broad

1. Welcome and Apologies

James Trotter (Bromfords), Paige Lilley (Cirencester Youth Town Council), Jamie Walton CTC, Shaun Dix (W&G Standard)

2. Minutes from the Meeting held on 13 June and 11 July 2013

Not available

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

Annual Fete – The Chairman advised that neither he nor Janet Broomfield wish to take on the organisation for another year and that unless anyone from the Community Group comes forward then Andy Brown of the Golden Farm pub may do so.

4. Chairman's Report

Nothing further to report.

5. Finance Report

Not available and to follow.

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

PCSO Renee Broad advised that there had been 5 thefts from motor vehicles (items had been left on display) and also stolen bicycles and sheds broken into. Officers are trying car doors and advising owners when vehicles are found to be unlocked. There is now an additional PCSO Beverley Williams

Cllr John Hughes (CDC) said that he had nothing to report and in answer to a question about responsibility for wasps nests advised that he would make enquiries.

The Chairman express disappointment at the lack of support received from the Town Council and it was agreed to contact the CEO.

Cllr Nigel Robbins (GCC) – asked to be advised of any Highways issues and asked about speeding. It was agreed that it is generally not a problem in the Ward except for Burford Road. It was also noted that National Express drivers are a problem and PCSO Renee Broad agreed to pass this information on to traffic Police. She also said that traffic speed can be perceived to be faster than it actually is. Residents were also asked to advise Cllr Robbins of any dangerous footpaths and any other Highways related issues.

7. Kingshill Community Facility – Update

The Group were advised that there have been some hold ups and the opening is likely to slip back to January 2015.

8. Reports

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Not available

Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley

Not available

Dog Fouling

Tony Cooper advised that George Lager (CDC) has helped solve fouling problems on the green at Kingshill where 2 offenders have been fined.

Litter Picking

Doug Emmott confirmed that he routinely clears litter on a weekly basis to keep on top of it. It was noted that litter under the London Road foot bridge needs to be cleared regularly.

Welcome Packs

Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott said that whilst Roger Sweeting had done a tremendous job in developing the packs, they are now come to the end. DE is storing packs for use when

required and all date sensitive information has been removed. It was agreed to advise Bromfords that they are available.

Bromford Living – James Trotter

Not available

Fairshares – Caroline Braidwood

Nothing to report

Facebook and Twitter Development – Paige Lilley

There are more watchers and followers.

9. Social Events

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

It was agreed that everyone had a fantastic day.

Progress on Air Ambulance Fundraiser

As previously agreed £500 had been donated to the Air Ambulance from the Fete funds and a thank you letter had been received.

The Chairman advised that the Moulin Rouge Event planned for the end of September has been cancelled following complaints and legal threats from Moulin Rouge in Paris for using their name and logo. Cotswold Airport has now come forward to take over the Event and will hold it in their restaurant. Help with selling tickets has been requested in exchange for a £1,000 donation to the Air Ambulance. It is likely to take the form of a Summer Ball on 31 August 2014 and will be linked to 100th anniversary of WW1.

Malcolm Lewis and Janet Broomfield will continue with the raffle which will be drawn on 28 September at 8pm. Market stalls have been very successful in selling raffle tickets.

10. Any Other Business

Archery Road Trees

Some are very old and have shed branches. Cllr Hughes advised that they are being looked at.

London Road Bridge

It was noted that the sign requesting cyclists to dismount signs is obscured by graffiti and overgrowth and that cyclists are riding over the bridge. There was concern that the bridge is not wide enough to separate pedestrians and cyclists.

Beeches Road

Vegetation is overgrowing on Beeches Road and Cllr Robbins agreed to ask Highways to cut it back.

Arrangements for the Group's AGM on 10 October 2013

The Chairman advised that the AGM will take place next month and that both he and the Secretary wish to stand down.

Standard customer survey

John Leicester advised that he is on a consumer panel for the W & G Standard. He further advised that the Beeches shop now only sells 40 copies per week instead of 200 as previously.

Phoenix Festival

This will be repeated again next year and Clare Bartlett is applying for grants.

Christmas Market

Cllr Hughes advised that there will be no Christmas Market in the foreseeable future and that the stalls will be disposed of.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting will be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on

Thursday, 10 October 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.35 pm.