



# Beeches Community Group

Minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Present:** Stuart Tarr (Chair), Tim Killen (Secretary), Mike Jupp, Malcolm Lewis, Keith Handley, John Durell (Watermoor CE Primary), PCSO Renee Broad, PC Paul Gillan, Tatyana Cheung, Sam Ralston, Caroline Braidwood, Peter Braidwood

1.	<b>Welcome and apologies:</b> , Cllr Nigel Robins (Town, District and CTC), James Trotter, Dr Renata Rees (CTC), Lynn Hilditch, Paige Lilley (Community Services), Paul Maidens, Jenny Hinks																												
2.	<b>Minutes from previous meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes were approved by MJ and seconded by KH</li> </ul>																												
3.	<b>Matters arising from the minutes that are not included in the agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>																												
4.	<b>Chairman's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burford Road – Neil Troughton (GCC) is still awaiting the RSA3 report completion audit, plus the issue associated with the parking bay area at the bottom of London Road and the reinstatement of the litter bin on the north bound carriage way of Burford Road removed by Britannia during the works.</li> <li>Local Plan issue for Cotswold DC was mentioned. The closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 with findings to be published in Spring 2016.</li> <li>There was a discussion on how the CTC Community Group funding allocation could be spent. The Chairman indicated a preference to provide funding to CDC to plant bulbs. The Secretary suggested that funding could be provided to source and install new community boards. Potential locations for the boards were also discussed. <b>Action on Chairman to discuss with CTC how much funding is available and when it needs to be used.</b></li> <li>The Railway Pathway was discussed and it was agreed that ML and ST would review this.</li> </ul>																												
5.	<b>Finance Report:</b> Caroline Braidwood confirms that the BCG account stands at £236.83																												
6.	<b>Election of Committee Members.</b> <table border="1" data-bbox="310 1465 1446 2003"> <thead> <tr> <th>OFFICE</th> <th>NOMINEE</th> <th>PROPOSER</th> <th>SECONDER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CHAIRMAN</td> <td>Stuart Tarr</td> <td>Tim Killen</td> <td>Sam Ralston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VICE CHAIRMAN</td> <td>Paul Maidens</td> <td>Tim Killen</td> <td>Stuart Tarr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SECRETARY</td> <td>Tim Killen</td> <td>Malcolm Lewis</td> <td>Sam Ralston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TREASURER</td> <td>Caroline Braidwood</td> <td>Sam Ralston</td> <td>Peter Braidwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCIAL SECRETARY</td> <td>Samantha Ralston</td> <td>Tim Killen</td> <td>Stuart Tarr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCIAL MEDIA</td> <td>Samantha Ralston</td> <td>Tim Killen</td> <td>Caroline Braidwood</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OFFICE	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	CHAIRMAN	Stuart Tarr	Tim Killen	Sam Ralston	VICE CHAIRMAN	Paul Maidens	Tim Killen	Stuart Tarr	SECRETARY	Tim Killen	Malcolm Lewis	Sam Ralston	TREASURER	Caroline Braidwood	Sam Ralston	Peter Braidwood	SOCIAL SECRETARY	Samantha Ralston	Tim Killen	Stuart Tarr	SOCIAL MEDIA	Samantha Ralston	Tim Killen	Caroline Braidwood
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7.	<p><b>Police, Town, Beeches and New Mills District and County Councillors' Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer Police report to Item 8</li> <li>• The County Councillor report was submitted prior to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.</li> <li>• The issue of the Beeches Car Park and travellers was raised and discussed by those present regarding future preventative measures to be put in place including placing a height restriction barrier at the entrance to the car park. The Chairman advised that the costs to recover the car park to it's original condition after the recent issues were covered by CDC and not CTC.</li> <li>• There is a delay connecting Kingshill South and Beeches via the bus gate while GCC considers its options and this will not be progressed until the end of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Mills - Tatyán Cheung</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cheung advised that his priority issues for New Mills had been crime, safe environment, neighbourhood watch, clean environment (litter picking), whilst also focusing on building community friendly issues.</li> </ul>																											
8.	<p><b>Other Reports/Presentations/Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Completion of Burford Road junction &amp; crossing improvement works.</li> <li>• Update on Tesco Roundabout review of speed of traffic from Cllr Robbins</li> <li>• Tesco roundabout issues are to be left for NR to pursue.</li> <li>• Section 106 money for the new development was discussed. It was indicated by the Chairman that Gloucestershire Education Authority discussed this direct with the developer, but it was agreed that the actions would be: <b>Chairman to speak to NR for an update. Watermoor School to contact their Education Department</b></li> <li>• Grove Lane Lighting – <b>Sam Ralston to provide an update.</b></li> </ul>																											
9.	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Crime Report</b> – Verbal report for Beeches/New Mills from PCSO Renee Broad Paul Gillan</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 1207 1023 1554"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>September</th> <th>October</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violence</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Others</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>7</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General comment was that the crime figure for the Beeches had not changed significantly.</li> <li>• Comment that in the wider Cirencester area there had been 23 vehicle damages in Siddington and Watermore districts.</li> <li>• To support the Darker Nights initiative 'free' timer switches have been made available</li> <li>• Police reminded all present to use <b>dial 101</b> for non-emergency police issues.</li> </ul>		September	October	Violence	1	4	Burglary	1	2	Theft	3	1	Fraud	0	0	Criminal Damage	1	2	Drugs	1	0	Others	0	1	Total	7	10
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9.	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Speed Watch</b> – Keith Handley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community Speedwatch is to be completed on 24<sup>th</sup> November by Beeches residents on London and Burford Road. <b>An update was provided to the BCG website.</b> .</li> <li>○ A new Portable Speed Sign is now available to be booked from Cirencester Police and can be discussed with KH.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> - Keith Handley No development</li> <li>• <b>Litter Picking</b> – Malcolm Lewis – It was suggested to set a date for Spring 2016 along with the Police. Insurance will also need to be requested from and provided by CTC.</li> <li>• <b>Bromford Living</b> – James Trotter (absent) It was advised that there are 2 new contacts for housing manager – Sally Alder/David Grinter/Gael Hammeth. <b>Action for the James to provide the full contact details to Chairman/Secretary</b></li> <li>• <b>Corinium Via Residents' Association</b> The Chairman advised that the area around the Charles Church old sales office is to be resolved so it can be passed to Meadfleet for maintenance.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Bus Gate</b> – Mike Jupp advised that he continues to have contact with Neil Troughton to discuss the fact that the construction of the Busgate does not comply with the design and standards needed for this type of construction. MJ confirmed he will take this up again with GCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a question raised as to whether there is a Traffic Regulation Order in place for the Bus Gate. Police to check?</li> </ul> <p><b>The Chairman offered his continued support to MJ on this matter and offered to contact Neil Troughton.</b></p>
11.	<p><b>BCG Website &amp; Social Media</b></p> <p>It was discussed that Facebook and the Website is to be used to increase communication and interest in the BCG. Sam Ralston to review Facebook and post <b>regular updates</b> social and community events and updates. Social engagements, local events, Churn news, police events, Chinese New Year, Links to local groups etc.</p> <p>Stuart Tarr to approach local written press (Churn Newsletter/Glos&amp;Wilts Standard) to see if they can write news article on BCG to raise awareness and increase our profile.</p> <p>Tim to manage the meeting notes and important messages via the website.</p>
12.	<p><b>Outgoing Social Secretary – Mike Jupp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To mark the outgoing Social Secretary Mike Jupp, Mike read a short prepared statement. A copy of this is attached to these minutes.</li> <li>• A special note of thanks to Mike was made by the Chairman and Secretary to thank Mike for all his efforts and support within the BCG and especially in his role as Social Secretary.</li> <li>• It is hoped that Mike will continue to participate in BCG activities and continue to provide his unique enthusiasm and support to move the group forward in 2016.</li> </ul>

13.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman and all present provided a special thanks to Andy and all at Ingleside for their continued support of the BCG.</li> <li>• The Chairman agreed to contact David Prewett for an update on the bus service review.</li> <li>• The Chairman agreed to follow up with John Durell (Watermoor CE Primary), regarding more engagement and close working together. Plus a formal update on the Watermoor School and Community facilities and events.</li> </ul>
14.	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The January meeting will be held on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.00 pm Ingleside House, Beeches Road.</p> <p>Provisional Program for 2016 meetings are:</p> <p>14th Jan  10th March  12th May  14 July  15th September  10th November</p>



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## **Addendum A**

County Councillor Report, September 2015

Please accept my apologies, again, for not being able to attend the meeting on November 12th, as I will be overseas. I look forward to hearing what people think are the priorities for next year.

There is not much to report from either the County or the District point of view. The District proceeds, painfully slowly, with the preparation of the Local Plan. We shall attempt to get them to commit more cash next year to combat dog fouling. The review of car parking provision is under way..partly in response to the Chesterton South Plan. But nobody has asked for my views yet!

Stuart Tarr has received a reply to my request for further info about bramble clearance in Q.Elizabeth Road. I am seeking a meeting with Amey plc to discuss in detail the likely impact of remedial measures to reduce speed at the Tesco roundabout, for which they still insist there is no money. If I have some Highways Local money to commit to it next year I want to be sure it is effective.

Have a good meeting,

Councillor Nigel; Robbins

## **Addendum B**

Beeches Community Group 2015 AGM Social Secretary Report.

I took on the role of Social Secretary following the sad passing of Janet Broomfield. Unfortunately at that time we also lost her extensive list of contacts and friends. However, I did try to continue the tradition of the family coach trips to Weston Super Mare but had to cancel the provisional booking I had made with Alexcars due to a complete lack of response with not even one person enquiring. This may have been due to Alexcars running their own excursions but it was nevertheless disappointing. It had also been the tradition to organise a fete/jumble during each summer but sadly the last one prior to me taking over had suffered bad weather. This resulted in some of the stall holders leaving behind lots of stuff which had to be cleared up after them. Unfortunately, the majority of people involved with it did “a runner” leaving a few individuals to take down the gazebos and tidy up etc. Quite understandably they decided “enough was enough” and would no longer help in the future. So, our fete effectively “died a death” at that time and we have not organised one since then.

However, we did have a stall at the Kingshill School jumble/fete in the summer and that was well received with us giving away free candyfloss to children and we made a profit from donations.

With no social functions I have done my best in other respects by helping our Chairman Stuart in organising the provision of rubbish/dog/grit bins in the local area. The bins have been well received by the residents and the litter and dog mess problems have been reduced considerably as a result.

Other matters involved checking the lighting and paths along the line of the old railway line as well as pressing for the ditch near the Golden farm to be cleared of the brambles and rubbish which we considered to be a hazard to the residents.

Having been an active member of our group for many years I have decided to step back although I will still continue to take an interest in our activities and help whenever possible.

I hope someone will be found to take over the role from me and wish them all the very best.

Mike Jupp.