

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 08/02/2017

Present: Kathy Higgins (Chair), John Orr, Dave Lee, Ron Ellis, Lesley Berry, Cliff Green, Terry Weller, Derek Weller and Sheila Taylor (Minutes).

Apologies: Nicky Johnson and Rosemary Englander,

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2017

These were approved as a correct record.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Item 2.1 John now has an e-mail address for the new chair of the Juniors, who is believed to be only 10-12 years old. She has some good ideas. John will talk to her with a view to helping her organise a re-launch of the Juniors and to find some adult helpers. Kathy asked him to try to get an idea of the number of young people involved. **Action John**

Item 3 The meeting about ring-fenced funding has not yet taken place.

Item 4 There was a detailed de-brief on the day after the Celebration Event. Kathy said this meeting concluded that everyone on the Working Group had delivered what was asked of them but the event was very poorly attended. It was estimated that only 10 adults who live on Tinkers Bridge (excluding the Working Group) were there. Kathy said she felt very disappointed about this.

Item 5 Kathy has sent another draft of the local agreement (Concordat) to Kevin Wilson but has not so far received a reply.

3) Financial Report

Nicky has now finished her term as temporary treasurer and has handed the books over to John. John will let Sheila have a cheque for £100 to be paid to WCC for the hire of the Meeting Place on January 28th. Dave will talk to his sister to see if she would be willing to audit the accounts. **Action John and Dave**

4) The Community Action Plan

Dave had previously circulated an amended plan, up to and including suggestions made at the Celebration Event. Kathy commented that she finds a word version easier to use than a spreadsheet.

4.1 Sheila reported that the outcome of the Tesco Bags of Help bid for planting boxes may not be known until May. In the meantime, no progress has been made with spending the £500 grant for this purpose from WCC. Ron and John will look at a possible source of wood in Winslow to see if the project can be started while waiting for the outcome of the Tesco bid. **Action Ron and John**

4.2 Kathy said the yoga group would be stopping for lack of support.

4.3 Dave will talk to Carmela about her ideas for IT-based projects. **Action Dave**

4.4 Lesley pointed out that the two tea dances were not mentioned on the Action Plan. More are planned. Dave will add this to the plan. **Action Dave**

4.5 Ron would like to have another go at chasing progress on potholes. Dave will give him contact details. **Action Ron and Dave**

These amendments are included in the attached latest version of the Action Plan.

5) AGM

5.1 The AGM will be held on 23rd February. John will contact Samantha Snelus to ask if she can chair the meeting. **Action John**

5.2 The Constitution and other policies have to be formally adopted at the AGM. Residents will be invited to check these on the website before the meeting. She will bring copies to the AGM. **Action Kathy and Sheila**

5.3 Residents will also be invited to put forward any motions at the AGM. **Action Kathy**

5.4 John will approach someone who might be willing to take on the role of Treasurer. **Action John**

6) Bridge Updates

Kathy asked for any updates for the February Bridge, which must be received by 15th February at the latest.

6.1 Ron will write something about the environment **Action Ron**

6.2 The AGM will be advertised, including the items in 4.2 and 4.3 above. **Action Kathy**

6.3 The item about the Celebration Event will include the WCC logo, with thanks to them for their support. **Action Kathy**

7) Any Other Business

7.1 Beat the Street

Several members of the Working Group said that they would take part. Ron would ask Cheryl if the Guides were interested in doing it. Kathy will ask around for people to join us. **Action all**

7.2 People's Assembly Event

John will be speaking at this on February 11th at Wolverton Working Men's Club from 1pm onwards. The subject will be Housing and he is hoping to get contacts from other estates so that a group could possibly be formed to work together regarding the regeneration process. The next meeting of the Regeneration Committee is on 12th April.

7.3 Car Parking

Lesley reported that some cars are parking on corners of roads and causing a danger. What should she do about it? She was advised the Council Highways Department should be informed. **Action Lesley**

7.4 Fullers Slade

There is a rumour that some residents have already been served with Compulsory Purchase Orders. YourMK does not have the power to serve these. John spoke to Kevin Wilson who said that anything that was done re regeneration would be resident driven, He and Hannah O'Neill had sent a leaflet round saying that they would not back a demolition order.

The Meeting finished at 20.29

Date of Next Working Group meeting Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.00 pm in The Link

Next TBRA meeting Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the meeting place (AGM).

