

Working Group Meeting

The link, Charles Warren

14 June 2017



Present: Kathy (Chair), David Lee(minutes), Dave Bootwright, Mavis Bootwright, Ron Ellis, Nicky Johnson

Apologies: John Orr, Rosemary Englander, Sheila Taylor, Cliff Green, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Lesley Berry

		Action by whom
1	Minutes of previous meeting of 10/5/17 – matters arising 1.1 Audit. Emailed to WG on 29 May 1.2 Regeneration: see item TBA 1.3 Bank mandate: text message confirmation of change received by Mavis 1.5 Plan:MK response. Emailed on 27 May by Dave, acknowledged by John Cheston 1.6a Ron attended Housing Forum on 11/5 1.6b No attendance at Residents Involvement Group on 17/5 1.6c – Residents Association Network on 8/6 was cancelled 1.8a Wood for planters ready to be delivered, John needs cheque for £900 approx 1.8b See activities under Grants	Mavis
2	Financial report Mavis reported: Bank balance: £2888.40, including planters: £813.04 ring fenced First Steps: £205.28 Printing has £300 from the £900 Health Check grant as agreed by TBRA meeting of 25 May Petty cash: £100.24	
3	Grants An email dated 13 June received from Sheila was read out and the issues discussed: Tesco Bags of Help Confirmation received, expect £2,000 into our account in the next 10 days. Mavis will get an e-mail confirming this. The money has to be spent in 12 months on “promoting active community participation with development of use of outdoor spaces”.	

4	<p>Seaside Trip</p> <p>No organiser at present – Ron to ask Cheryl, John to ask others</p> <p>Decision on grant application expected on 19 June by WCC. Query raised on care of people on trip to be answered</p> <p>Summer Fun Day</p> <p>Wayne is arranging dog show for 22nd July. Some practical, but no financial support was agreed. E.g. Ron offered to help with litter. Dave to invite Wayne to next TBRA meeting to talk about the event.</p> <p>Use of the MKC £700 grant was not discussed</p> <p>Pantomime</p> <p>Dave to confirm that Deanna and Cassandra will organise this. Grant application to go ahead, but may be only £118. Sheila to investigate the formula used by WCC for dividing grants to understand why ours is reduced</p>	<p>John, Ron Sheila</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave Sheila</p>
	<p>Regeneration</p> <p>4.1 Residents' consultant advisors</p> <p>Simon Slater is back in contact with Dave , email was in his spam box. (Dave – what email was this?)</p> <p>Dave seeking other contacts with organisations that supply advice to residents resulted in PEP (Priority Estates Project) responding that they were tending to YourMK, and TPAS (who organised the training course last year attended by Lesley and Nicky) advising that they had a consultancy manager, Emma-Jane Flynn living in Milton Keynes.</p> <p>On 7 June, Lesley, Dave and Geoff (from Beanhill) met with her, as advised by email to the WG on 5 June. She pointed out that YourMK had not followed best practice by appointing a shortlist of 3 advisors (PEP, First Call Housing, and PPRC) without including residents in the tendering and vetting stages of that process, and also that the appointment was for one estate, fragmenting the residents response. She also supplied a useful source of information: Estate regeneration: resident engagement and protection – GOV.UK Her contact details have been passed to Barrie, the chair of Fullers Slade RA, and he hopes to contact her next week. Kathy would like to be present at any such meeting, which Dave thought could be difficult as Barrie is acting only on behalf of Fullers Slade, looking at challenging the list of 3 advisors selected by YourMK.</p> <p>4.2 Regeneration Watch</p> <p>Fullers Slade RA have stated they will not lead this organisation. There is a need for someone who is well known to call an initial meeting to form this group. Ron to phone Geoff to see if he will do this.</p> <p>Emma (of TPAS) has offered to chair the initial meetings of this group. Dave to contact her and clarify if this would be chargeable (standard TPAS consultancy rate is £65/hour)</p> <p>4.3 Correspondence with YourMK</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Dave</p>

	<p>As agreed at TBRA meeting of 25 May, Dave created a list of questions and emailed them to Lizzie at YourMK on 5 June. They are attached to the TBRA minutes of 25 May 2017, available on our web site. An acknowledgement was received on 13 June.</p> <p>4.4 Supporting other Residents Associations</p> <p>John and Dave attended the Fullers Slade RA meeting on Monday 12th June, which was useful. FSRA have a residents' survey out, and have done work on refurbishment of their properties, including costings. Their commitment to this is why they feel unable to lead Regeneration Watch MK. They have a major MK50 party in Spider Park, on 24 June, 12:00-16:00, which will include stalls by YourMK and the Master Planners appointed for Fullers Slade. TBRA should attend. Dave Bootwright recommended wearing our TBRA T-shirts. Dave Lee said he was not available that day.</p>	ALL
5	<p>Planting Boxes</p> <p>Ron to arrange construction of the new boxes, which will use a small group of craftsmen. Filling and planting will be later.</p>	Ron
6	<p>Activities</p> <p>Covered under grants</p>	
7	<p>WCC Kevin Wilson draft agreement</p> <p>This will not be chased as TBRA currently has no capacity to meet the requirements of that agreement</p> <p>Dave Lee pointed out this agreement was a means of progressing some of the items on the First Steps plan, and therefore we needed to find other means of making progress on those items. Kathy agreed to follow up improved access to the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place</p>	Kathy
8	<p>Meetings to be attended</p> <p>Dave said the calendar on the TBRA web site had been enhanced to show all these meetings, and all other RA meetings in Milton Keynes, using a calendar maintained by Regeneration Watch MK</p> <p>21/6/17 – Residents Involvement Group</p> <p>21/6/17 – MK council meeting, Dave has checked agenda, no major reason to attend</p> <p>27/6/17 – MK Council Housing and Community Committee</p> <p>11/7/17 – MK Cabinet meeting</p> <p>12/7/17 10:30am Residents Involvement Review Group</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Lesley & Cliff</p> <p>Ron</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>Bin stores – Ron has found rats and mice. Article to be included in The Bridge</p> <p>Caravans parked on properties – WCC may take action</p> <p>Property valuation – Nicky reported that estate agents tend to undervalue</p>	<p>Kathy</p> <p>Nicky</p>

	houses on the estate to get very quick sales (less than 1 day). She has an offer on her 4 bedroom house at £212,000, but some estate agents would have put it on the market at £175,000. Note to go in The Bridge	Nicky
10	Next meeting The next meetings should be on 12 th July, and 9 th August at 7:00. Full TBRA meeting on 29 June at 7:30 Meeting closed at 20:30	