

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 8/11/2017

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

Apologies: Rosemary Englander, Sarah Mitchell and John Orr

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

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

2.2) John has not yet given Lesley the memory stick so that she can write up the minutes of TBRA meetings, but Rosemary sent one, along with her offer to help Lesley learn to use it. **Action Lesley and Rosemary**

2.7) Dave was asked to re-circulate the document about registering areas for preservation but in fact the date for comments has passed.

3) Mavis is waiting for the next bank statement before she puts an extra column for printing in the accounts. She is going to look into using the NatWest Bankline to get statements more easily. **Action Mavis**

4.2) Sheila has submitted the application to MKC for the grant for the Christmas party.

4.4) Ron was successful in getting a grant from the Unite union of £150 for the Christmas Day lunch, as well as a separate grant of £100 for the Brownies. Any money left over from the Christmas Day grant is to be spent on resources for homeless people.

4.5) Sheila sent the Grants update to Sarah as a Word document.

5) The referendum results were as follows:

For 988 Against 152 Turnout 13.44% 84 people voted on Tinkers Bridge. It was felt this low turnout was disappointing.

6.3) Dave L and Lesley attended the Full Council meeting

3) Financial Report

Mavis circulated a spreadsheet showing the position as at 31.10.2017. The funding received from MKC following the Healthcheck has now been combined with Reserves. The unspent Tesco grant is now £1100. Cliff reported that he has enough ink for the next newsletter. Dave will meet Mavis to discuss how to present the referendum donations and matching funds from Local Giving in the accounts. **Action Mavis and Dave L**

There was a discussion about having a third signatory for the bank account now that Nicky has left. It was agreed this should be Lesley. Kathy will contact Nicky to see if she is still a signatory and, if she is, to ask her to help get Lesley's name added. **Action Lesley and Kathy**

4) Grants update

Sheila reported that there is no change to the position reported at the last meeting, except that the application for a grant for the Christmas Party has been submitted.

Councillor Pauline Prop has contacted Mavis to say that she is giving her ward allowance of £200 to be used as follows: £100 for the Christmas party, £50 for plants and bulbs and £50 for the Brownies

Kathy needs details of the forthcoming events for inclusion in the newsletter. These were discussed and are as follows:

1. Christmas party 2nd December – in John's absence, Ron and others confirmed that Santa will be touring the estate from 2-4 pm and the children's party will be from 4-6 pm. Help is required to decorate the meeting place from 10 am.
2. Pantomime 19th December – the pantomime is Peter Pan and is at the Deco Theatre, Northampton. The coach will pick up at the meeting place at 5pm and return at approximately 9.45. Details are on Facebook and the website. Bookings in advance must be made with Deanna Norris.
3. The Christmas Day lunch will be advertised in cards delivered to every house on the estate.

5) The Bridge

The October edition was produced and was well received. The November edition will be distributed between 25th and 27th November. All copy should go to Kathy by 17th November so that she can then pass it on to Sarah and Cliff can print it on 20th and 21st. **Action Kathy, Sarah, Cliff and All**

6) The Local Giving “Grow your Tenner” initiative

Most members were able to donate their £10 for referendum costs. A report on this will come to the next meeting after the bank statement has arrived and Mavis and Dave L have had their meeting (see item 3 above).

7) Meetings

Dave L sent round a list of forthcoming meetings. It was agreed this was very helpful.

1. 7th November Cabinet - Kathy and Sheila attended. The main item of relevance to TBRA was a report on the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan referendum. Milton Keynes Council will be recommended to adopt the Plan.
2. 8th November Housing and Community Committee (H&CC) meeting (at the same time as this Working Group). John was attending. Dave L has been in email contact with Councillor Chris Williams, the Chair of H&CC about Plan MK, the latest version of which does not appear to have taken account of comments sent in by TBRA and indeed those submitted by the H&CC itself. A further consultation is now open until December 20th. Dave L will draft and circulate a document about this. John may have more to report on this after tonight's H&CC meeting. **Action Dave L and John**
3. 9th November YourMK exhibition and consultation at Fullers Slade.

4. 13th November Fullers Slade RA's next meeting. Visitors from other RAs are made welcome. Dave L will send Sheila the agenda and minutes of the last meeting to go with these minutes. **Action Dave L**
5. 14th November MKC Regeneration Committee is on 14th November. This is a useful meeting to find out what is happening.
6. 15th November Resident Involvement Review Group and 16th November HSF meeting – Ron is attending both these meetings.
7. 22nd November Full Council meeting
8. 24th November (probable date) a meeting representatives of each of the regeneration estates. It was felt John and Dave L should be our reps.

8) Any Other Business

Ron reported that there has been an increase of 40-50% in the number of black bags being collected on Tinkers Bridge. 80% of these bags appear to have food in them. This, with the recent change of time for collection to the afternoon, means that a lot more food waste is attracting vermin. Ron will write an article for the newsletter about this. **Action Ron**

9) Dates of Next Meetings

Working Group Wednesday 13th December 7.00 at 45 Old Groveway

TBRA Thursday 30th November 7.30 in the Meeting Place