

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 22/03/2018 (postponed from 14/03/2018)

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

Apologies: Rosemary Englander, Mavis Boatwright, Dave Boatwright, Cliff Green, John Orr and Sarah Mitchell.

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2018

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

2.2) Dave L let Lesley know which meetings are missing from the website. One was cancelled and Lesley was not present for two others.

2.3) As Mavis and John were not present it was not known if they had completed the forms for Bankline, putting Lesley on as a signatory and cancelling the Direct Debit for Local Giving. They will be asked to report on this at the next meeting.

Action Mavis and John

2.4) The MKCF logo recognising their grant for the printing of the newsletter is being used on the newsletter but is still to go on the website. **Action Dave L.** Sheila and John used the TBRA AGM to talk about next year's grants.

2.7) The Fire Brigade have not been invited to the March TBRA meeting but will be invited on a future occasion. **Action Ron**

6) Dave L. raised our funding from MKC at the last full Council meeting. He was told we will get the same amount as last year plus inflation based on last year's Healthcheck. He also asked if there should be funding that is not based on the number of Council houses. His question was noted in the minutes but there was no other response.

3) Financial Report

None as Mavis was not present.

4) Grants update

Sheila reported that a system is now in place for recording money spent on printing, to allow reporting to MKCF. A similar system is already in place for the Tesco grant for raised beds. Ron, Terry and Derek have recently given Mavis receipts for money spent from this grant. Sheila will ask Mavis for the receipts so that she can scan them into her system. **Action Sheila**

Sheila will apply for a grant from WCC for a seaside trip as soon as she has all the correct documents. The most important of these is the finalised accounts, which Ruth Cooke cannot provide until she has evidence that Councillor Pauline Prop has agreed that the grant she gave for Christmas can be used instead for an Easter event. Pauline has agreed this verbally but wants a letter from John for her records. In John's absence, Kathy agreed to write this letter for John's signature, which Ron will get John to sign. **Action Kathy Ron and Sheila**

The seaside trip was discussed. Sheila will get quotes for a coach to Southend on a Saturday in August. Dave L. will talk to Deanna about whether she is willing to help organise the event again. It was suggested that he also approaches Caroline who helped at the Christmas party. **Action Sheila and Dave L.**

The multi-cultural Funday in the summer (to be funded by a grant from MKC) was also discussed. So far no-one has responded to an appeal for volunteers to help

organise the event. It will be the subject of a bigger item in the newsletter and Kathy will also produce a poster. **Action Kathy**

5) The Bridge

The March edition is almost ready. Only Kathy and Ron from the WG have contributed to it. Terry agreed to write a poem for the April edition. **Action Terry**
Ron, Terry and Derek have been invited to an event at the Woughton House Hotel to receive awards for the work they have done with the Environment Team. They were warmly congratulated for this achievement and asked to get a photograph for the newsletter. **Action Ron, Terry and Derek**

The Easter event is being organised. Ron has offered to help Sarah and Dave L. said he would help too. **Action Sarah, Ron and Dave L.**

6) Regeneration Watch

Kathy wrote to the other RAs as agreed to ask them to contribute to the cost of involvement by Community Action MK and to confirm which of the dates that were being offered would suit them. There was a disappointing response, in that only one other RA (Fullers Slade) agreed to pay and none of the others replied at all. Two individuals offered to pay from their own pockets but the meeting did not feel this was fair. After discussion, it was agreed to call another meeting of all the RAs at 45 Old Groveway and to ask each representative to have discussed in advance with their association a donation of £50. **Action Kathy and Dave L.**

The Regeneration Cabinet sub-committee met on 14th March. The main agenda item was the sub-committee's terms of reference. The chair allowed questions from the public but there was no separate agenda item for a report by YourMK. Kathy and others made this point and commented on the draft terms of reference.

Dave L noted that the "four options" originally put forward to residents of Fullers Slade are now being described as "four ideas". He wondered if these four concepts could be used as a basis for getting the views of residents on estates where regeneration has not yet started. We also have access to the detailed plan for Fullers Slade developed by Barrie Wilde. This is to be evaluated by Savill's.

7) Future meetings

Dave L raised the following meetings for possible attendance by WG members:
27th March 7 pm Housing and Community Committee including a report by YourMK

3rd April 6:30pm MK Cabinet meeting

9th April FRSA meeting

12th April 6:15pm Regeneration Sub-Committee

8) Any Other Business

a) Ron reported that Mavis is meeting Ruth to discuss ways of presenting the accounts.

b) Terry, Derek and Lesley reported on some anti-social behaviour on Hatton which is causing them and other neighbours much distress. This has already been reported to MKC but Kathy suggested the neighbours should go together to the Council to express their concerns as forcefully as possible. The police are also

involved and Dave L suggested asking the Police Community Support Officer to attend a TBRA meeting to talk about anti-social behaviour. Ron, on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch, will ring 101 to report the problem again. **Action, Terry, Derek, Lesley and Ron**

7) Dates of Next Meetings

Working Group Wednesday 11thth April 7.00 at 45 Old Groveway

TBRA 29th March 7.30 in the Meeting Place