

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 18/04/2018

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

Apologies: Lesley Berry and Rosemary Englander

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

2.3) Mavis set up Bankline and is cancelling the Direct Debit for Local Giving.

John has the form for putting Lesley on as a signatory. **Action John**

2.4) Dave L has still to put the MKCF logo on the website. **Action Dave L**

2.7) The Fire Brigade will not be attending a TBRA meeting for now.

Dave L sent reminders to possible attendees at future TBRA meetings. He will continue to do this. **Action Dave L**

4) Sheila has put all recent receipts from the Tesco grant on to her system.

Kathy drafted the letter to Councillor Pauline Prop and it was signed by John. The accounts have now been signed off by Ruth Cooke.

5) Terry has not yet written the poem. He will try to do it by Sunday 22nd April, the deadline for the April Bridge. **Action Terry**

Ron, Terry and Derek have photos of their award presentations. John will check copyright issues with WCC and then Dave L will put the photos on the TBRA website. **Action John and Dave L**

8b) Terry and Derek reported that the anti-social behaviour on Hatton appears to have calmed down a little.

3) Financial Report

Mavis circulated a spreadsheet showing the position as at 31.03.2018. The balance at the end of the month is £3522.85.

Approximately £300 remains from the Tesco grant, which must be spent by May. Sheila will email Ron and John with the exact amount and the exact date in May.

Action Sheila

Kathy will remind Sarah to send the receipts from the Easter event to Mavis.

Action Kathy

Mavis confirmed she will definitely stop acting as Treasurer in July.

4) Grants update

The best quote for the seaside coach trip was £570 from Bill's Taxis. It was agreed to ask WCC for £295, leaving participants to pay £5 per seat. A provisional date of 11th August was suggested – Sheila will check this with Deanna. **Action Sheila**

5) Pre-planning for Cultural Day in the summer

There has been no response so far to appeals for organisers for this event. After discussion it was agreed to try one more time. Kathy will devise a poster and will use it in the April edition of the Bridge. Terry and Derek will have copies to give to people who talk to them as they are working on the environment. **Action, Kathy, Derek and Terry**

6) The Bridge

All items to Kathy and Sarah by Sunday 22nd March.

John will send them photos of the planting boxes and alleyways and of the award ceremony. **Action John**

Dave B asked for thanks to be expressed to the two young women who helped with gritting in the recent snowy weather.

The TBRA meeting will be advertised. John confirmed that the Meeting Place has now been booked for every TBRA meeting till September.

7) Regeneration Watch

John said that WCC will be debating Regeneration in May. He also said he had reported recent problems with council house maintenance.

It was felt that the proposed meeting of the 7 regeneration estates was essential.

Dave L has not yet written to the other Regeneration RAs. He will do so. **Action**

Dave L

Savill's are assessing the Fullers Slade Community's draft plans, put forward by Barrie Wilde. So far no other plans are at this stage, as YourMK's has been withdrawn.

Dave L reported on two recent committee meetings, the Housing and Community Committee and the Regeneration Cabinet sub-Committee. Michael Kelleher, MKC Director of Housing, has said he is willing to come to RA meetings. It was agreed to invite him to a TBRA meeting. However, it is important that the date is chosen carefully so that we can be sure to use the meeting to the best effect. Dave will do some planning of questions to ask. **Action Dave L**

John suggested a survey of the residents of Tinkers Bridge to update the one done at the beginning of the regeneration process. Dave L has already proposed a survey of all the Woughton regeneration estates, based on the four options given to Fullers Slade.

Kathy and others who were present at the Regeneration sub-committee expressed disappointment that the sub-committee was not considering the strongly held view of many residents that the whole community should be consulted, not just those who are council tenants. Instead, MKC and YourMK are working through Resident Steering Groups set up specially for the purpose. They describe this as national best practice. Dave L will do some research on this. **Action Dave L**

It was felt that we should think carefully about our representation at MKC and other meetings, to ensure the views of the residents of Tinkers Bridge are given as much credibility as possible.

8) Any other business

a) There are currently numerous problems with rats on the estate. After discussion, it was agreed TBRA's role in this is to support people to report the problem to MKC.

b) Dave L has information about a risk workshop for tenants on 2nd May at 2pm. He will send round information about this. **Action Dave L**

9) Dates of Next Meetings

Working Group Wednesday 9th May 7.00 at 45 Old Groveway

TBRA 26nd April and 31st May 7.30 in the Meeting Place