

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 09/05/2018

Present: Sheila Taylor (Chair and minutes), Ron Ellis, Dave Lee and John Orr.

Apologies: Lesley Berry, Kathy Higgins, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Mavis Boatwright, Dave Boatwright, Cliff Green and Rosemary Englander

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2018

These were confirmed as a correct record.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

2.3) John has not yet completed the form for putting Lesley on as a signatory.

Action John

2.4) Dave L has revamped the website, such that the MKCF logo can now be found in the newsletter section.

2.5) Terry wrote a poem for the April newsletter.

2.8b) Ron said the anti-social behaviour is continuing in Hatton.

3) Sarah's receipts for the Easter event have been given to Mavis.

5) Kathy sent round a draft poster for the cultural day but no copies have been seen. The event was promoted in the April Bridge.

6) John did not send photos of the planting boxes and back alleys for the newsletter but he will now send them round. Sheila will send Dave L copies of the photos given to her by Ron. **Action John and Sheila**

7) Dave L did some research into best practice on residents' involvement in regeneration. He could not find any evidence that the RSG model was recommended.

8a) No-one attended the workshop on risk.

3) Financial Report

Mavis sent a spreadsheet showing the position as at 30.04.2018. The balance at the end of the month is £3362.49.

We have not yet had the grant resulting from our "Healthcheck" . We will ask Michael Kelleher about this at the next TBRA meeting on 7th June.

Dave L asked about the payment of an invoice for keeping the website going. John said that he has signed the cheque.

4) Grants update

The seaside trip will now be on 4th August if our grant application to WCC is successful.

Sheila is in the process of submitting our evaluation report for the Tesco grant.

Dave L will send her some information about the surface area of Tinkers Bridge.

Action Dave L and Sheila

5) The Bridge

Michael Kelleher's visit to the next TBRA meeting (including the change of date for this meeting) will be the main focus of the May edition. John's pictures will

also be included. Ron will be away for the delivery this month but Barbara, Terry and Derek will deliver in his absence.

6) Regeneration Watch

John and Dave L attended a meeting on 2nd May for the 4 Woughton Regeneration estates, called by Sue Smith. The group will have its next meeting in 6 months. Sue has set up a Facebook group. John will send Dave L an invitation to join this group, **Action John**

Dave L wrote to the other 6 Regeneration estates suggesting a meeting on 8th June. It was agreed to carry on this meeting even after Sue Smith's group was announced. Donations of £350 have now been agreed so it should be possible to go back to Community Action after the meeting to discuss their involvement. In his approach to the other RAs, Dave asked them to propose who should be chair, secretary and treasurer of a Regeneration Watch group. He has offered to be secretary. John felt that the process should be supported, not led, by RAs and that officers should be elected by a public meeting. This can be discussed on 8th June. **Action John and Dave L**

7) Visit by Michael Kelleher to the TBRA meeting on 7th June

Although connected to Regeneration Watch, there is a separate and urgent issue about the repair and maintenance of MKC houses. Michael Kelleher, MKC Director of Housing, has offered to attend RA meetings but cannot manage the last Thursday of the month. The last TBRA meeting decided to postpone its May meeting to 7th June and to invite Michael Kelleher then. It is very important that this meeting is well prepared and well attended, particularly by MKC tenants. The following action was agreed:

Design a leaflet with some possible questions. **Action John and Dave L**

Approach Council tenants and ask them to attend the meeting. Ask them for examples of problems with maintenance and repairs, preferably with photos. **Action Ron and John**

Dave L has already changed the hall booking to 6th June. He will also extend it to 7-9.15 to allow time for setting up and clearing away. **Action Dave L**

Michael Kelleher will be asked to open the meeting with a short presentation on who he is and what he does. **Action Dave L**

Prominently advertise the meeting in the May edition of the Bridge **Action Kathy and Sarah**

It was agreed to hold an extra WG meeting on 24th May to finalise plans for the event. **Action all**

8) Any other business

a) There has been confusion about the date of today's meeting. Also Kathy and Cliff now have problems with Wednesdays. It may be possible to change back to Thursdays. As not many people were present it was agreed to defer discussion about this to a later date. Unless a change is made in the meantime, the next ordinary WG group will therefore be on Wednesday 13th June.

b) Dave L listed the following other meetings:

14th May FSRA meeting

16th May Full Council meeting

28th June TBRA meeting and Cabinet Regeneration sub-group. It was agreed to send written questions to the sub-group.

9) Dates of Next Meetings

Working Group Thursday 24th May and Wednesday 13th June 7pm (see above) at 45 Old Groveway

TBRA 7th and 28th June 7.30 in the Meeting Place.