

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 13 June 2018

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

Apologies: Sheila Taylor

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Matters Arising

Financial Report

Mavis presented this. There were no matters arising from this. She will be away 26 June – 12 July.

Grants and future events

Report from Sheila – read out by Dave. The Tesco grant report was submitted and has been accepted.

We are able to apply for another grant if we wish, although not for the same project. I was concerned to hear from Cliff that the wood we bought for £900 (£500 from WCC Environment Fund and £400 from Tesco, roughly speaking) has not yet been used. I would not want to apply for any more grants from these two bodies until we have used the wood.

We were successful in getting the grant from WCC for the coach for the trip to Southend on 4th August and advertising for this is now going ahead. Thanks to all for acknowledging WCC in the publicity. Please remember we need someone on standby to help if there is a problem with losing someone on the day. I did this last year but I cannot on 4th August.

I wrote to Mavis and John to ask if we have received our "Healthcheck" grant from MKC. If we have not I will write to Michael Kelleher asking who I should talk to about it.

More importantly, we should now be applying for grant aid from MKC for a summer event. Last year we got £400 and it seems from what Michael has said that it will be the same again this year. What are we going to do? What costs should I put in the application to justify the award of £400?

We brainstormed on possible ideas for a summer event, including another dog show. All agreed we need volunteers to arrange and implement any ideas. There has been no response to repeated requests for input to a summer culture day so it was agreed we would not continue with this proposal.

John said a woman (Sinead?) had offered to run evening dram classes. All agreed this would be supported by us in terms of materials/hall hire. Action: Lesley and John both offered to discuss further with Sinead.

The Bridge.

Cliff said the printer needs to be serviced. Action?

Ron suggested the Rubbish collection advice should be repeated again in June issue. This led to a long discussion on rubbish collection.

Dave offered to write an article on Flood advice and send it to Sarah directly.

Action: Dave

Michael Kelleher's email address should be included. Action: Kathy and Sarah

Agreed to include an article about the proposed drama class. Action: Kathy and Sarah

Advertise again for a Treasurer.

John suggested we could buy a new laptop for the group with Grant Aid from WCC. This was not supported at this point.

Michael Kelleher visit to TBRA 7th June

Agreed that this was a success. He was thanked by email (Dave and Kathy). It was agreed to try and arrange a further meeting later in the year with him. Dave said he would produce a 'known problems leaflet to forward to him; add anti-social behaviour and lack of police presence on the estate. Action: Dave

Regeneration Watch

Progress has been made on forming a collective action group as a follow up from last year's first meeting of the Regen estates. First meeting was held 8 June and attended by representatives from the seven estates. From this:

- A letter to the MKC signed by the seven RA Chairs was emailed 11 June to MKC
- Agreement to form a formal Association of Regen RAs. MK Action will facilitate on 22 June.

It was noted that all Fullers Slade RA officers resigned on 11 June as a protest because YourMK do not listen to it.

Also – there is an important MKC Cabinet meeting on 10 July to receive/consider a policy document on Regeneration.

Future dates too many to go through, Action: Dave will email to all.

AOB

Dave Boatwright has agreed to be Secretary of TBRA but needs help transcribing old notes. Lesley will help.

Coach trip publicity needed. It will be announced in The Bridge: Action Kathy and Sarah.

We need a leaflet to put in notice board.

Cliff suggested we form a share club and buy some shares in Mears to enable us to attend AGMs etc. Interest was expressed by the group. Action: Cliff will further investigate and report to next meeting.

John Orr announced he has been elected the MK Labour Party Chairman. He will check if this constitutes a conflict of interest in being Chair of TBRA.