

## **Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 12/07/2018**

**Present:** Kathy Higgins (Chair), Ron Ellis, Dave Lee, John Orr, Cliff Green and Lesley Berry (minutes).

**Apologies:** Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Mavis Boatwright, Dave Boatwright, Rosemary Englander and Sheila Taylor

### **1) Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

These were accepted by those present.

### **2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

2.1) Drama classes – Lesley has made contact with Sinead but they are yet to find time for a full discussion. **Action Lesley**

#### 2.2) The Bridge

2.2a) Cliff felt that the printer did not now need to be serviced at present, but Dave would pass on information regarding a service bill that could be used if necessary. **Action Dave**

2.2b) The article on flood advice had been written and sent to Sarah to be put in the Bridge.

2.2c) Michael Kelleher's email address had been put in the Bridge.

2.2d) The article about drama classes had been included.

2.2e) The treasurer's position had been re-advertised.

2.3) AOB - leaflets for the coach trip have been done.

### **3) Financial Report**

As Mavis was still away there was no report but finances are in order.

A suggestion was put forward that Mavis might like to put forward a quarterly report, rather than a monthly one. Dave would approach her and put this to her.

**Action Dave**

### **4) Grants update**

4.1) We need to check with Mavis if the HRA grant has been received **Action Dave**

#### 4.2) Small grant applications

4.2a) Sinead will be asked what she needs for her drama classes. We need to factor in the cost of the hall, staging, any materials needed etc. **Action Lesley**

4.2b) Sarah wishes to run an arts and crafts day on 1<sup>st</sup> August. We need to check if a grant is available for this. Sheila to be consulted on this. **Action Kathy**

4.2c) The Community Foundation will often offer grants for various events, including the Bridge. Sheila is doing an interim report for this and we are not spending as much as we expected. As mentioned in Matters Arising, the printer servicing has been postponed. Cliff will stock up on inks and paper. **Action Cliff**

4.2d) Kathy will ask Sarah to cut down on the use of colour. **Action Kathy**

4.2e) Our next grant application to WCC will be for the pantomime.

4.2f) The wood for the flower beds is going down. We have 22 planks left to use and they will be enough for 3 boxes.

### **5) The Bridge**

The arts and crafts day on 1<sup>st</sup> August will be advertised. Sarah hinted that she might do an extra session. She could possibly be persuaded to do this. This would then also be advertised. **Action Kathy**

As the next TBRA meeting is on July 26<sup>th</sup>, Cliff needs the newsletter by 19<sup>th</sup>, which means Sarah needs all articles by 18<sup>th</sup>.

Articles to be included are:

People need to take flood precautions **Action Dave**

We need to re-publish the rubbish article

A thank-you to Karen and Neasham Galloway for all the plants that they have put in.

Reminder of the seaside trip

Swan watch - Allie

### **6) Regeneration Watch**

RORE

We have made a start. A meeting will be held soon have one rep from each estate.

RORE members spoke at the Cabinet meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dave read out various emails that he had received from Michael Kelleher, Clare Walton and members of RORE regarding the state of the regeneration process.

A de-brief meeting has been proposed for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July by Clare Walton – who would be available to attend?

Community Action MK might be able to source funding to work with RORE and other residents in the regeneration areas.

Proposed dates for a “lessons learned” workshop are 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> July. This would help to establish a new regeneration framework.

### **7) Any other business**

Cliff suggested that RORE members might purchase shares in Mears. As at 12/07/18 these were priced at £3.21. We could possibly invest £10 each

### **9) Dates of Next Meetings**

9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 7pm at 45 Old Groveway