

Minutes of the First Steps Working Group meeting 13/06/2019

Present: Lesley Berry (Chair), Dave Lee and Sheila Taylor (minutes).

Apologies: Dave Boatwright, John Orr, Mavis Boatwright, Rosemary Englander, Cliff Green, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Kathy Higgins and Ron Ellis

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 09/05/2019

These were accepted by those present.

2) Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

- Lesley has seen Barbara about joining the Regeneration sub-group of TBRA. She is thinking about it.
- Mavis has amended the accounts to show that £700 has been transferred from the general fund to the printing column.
- John has not yet provided the £20 receipt in respect of the expenditure for the Christmas party. **Action John**
- Dave did not get a copy of the May Bridge for the website. **Action Kathy**
- Lesley went to the NHS workshop (see item 8 below).

3) Financial report

Mavis was not present. It was reported that TBRA has now received two grants for the general running of the organisation: £500 from WCC and £750 (the maximum "Gold" award) from MKC. Some of these funds will be needed for the printing of the newsletter.

4) Grants update

- It was agreed to book the coach for the seaside trip for Hunstanton. **Action Sheila**
- MKC have not yet called for applications for grant aid for 2019 because they plan to discuss the process at the next Residents' Association Network on July 15th.
- The DBS process is underway, with two new certificates issued and four more in the pipeline. Sheila has started a basic list to show which volunteers have DBS clearance. We need to decide on the best person to hold this list once it is ready.

5) The Bridge

The following items were put forward for the June edition:

- Advertise the seaside trip
- Lesley's proposal of a sports day as a summer activity
- Other items to be put forward by people not present at this meeting

6) Regeneration and RORE

- The Big Conversation – the planned workshop on 24th May was cancelled by MKC, claiming they are again revising the strategy and that the date was too soon after the elections to get Councillors to it.
- There was a RORE meeting on 7th June where it was agreed to set up a sub-group to monitor the new strategy that MKC has announced.
- The Council has changed the rules about submitting questions at committee meeting. This now has to be done 48 hours in advance.
- Dave L has had an email correspondence with Nigel Long and Michael Kelleher on several issues. Nigel Long has again said he would like to attend a TBRA meeting, although he was in fact unable to attend when invited last year. Agreed to ask the TBRA meeting on June 27th if they would like to invite Nigel and if so when. **Action Dave L**

- Dave L attended a meeting of FSRA, where Michael Kelleher was present at his own request. He said that complete demolition and rebuilding would not be financially viable as a way of maintaining the number of Council houses.
- It appears that new bathrooms and kitchens are being installed in Fullers Slade, though not on other regeneration estates. There is also some evidence that the Council is buying houses on Fullers Slade.
- The next Regeneration sub-committee is on 25th July, which clashes with a TBRA meeting.

7) Welcome Pack

Work is ongoing on the pack. Rosemary is producing the index and then Sheila will take the final draft back to Sian, the designer. **Action Rosemary and Sheila**

8) NHS Workshop

Lesley reported on the workshop she attended. It was well attended by representatives of a wide range of organisations. The programme encouraged participants to think about their own physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and how to look after themselves. The discussion then moved on to how we could then help others in our community to do the same. Lesley found the meeting useful. There are likely to be more. We discussed how this might fit in with the suggestions made at the AGM of a Fitness Group and a Mind, Body Spirit event.

9) Any Other Business

- At the last TBRA meeting there was a discussion about the Public Realm Estate Improvement Fund. John was going to discuss this with the Council. **Action John**
- Also at the TBRA meeting, there appeared to be agreement to having a petition about the 20mph speed limit but it was not clear who was organising it. Lesley will make sure this is on the agenda for the June TBRA meeting. **Action Lesley**
- Our Neighbourhood Officer, Tyrin, will be attending the next TBRA meeting, as will Mhay Green, who is now our Engagement Officer.
- At the last RA Network meeting, Reg Edwards presented a draft letter to the Council asking that there should be some MKC funding for estates that did not have any Council houses.
- The Jesus Army is unlikely to be occupying 45 Old Groveway after October. Discussions are underway about where Dave L will meet if this happens.

10) Forthcoming meetings

Wed 19 Jun 19:30 MKC full council

Fri 21 Jun 19:00 TVP Forum Coffee Hall

Thu 27 Jun 19.30 TBRA meeting

Fri 5 Jul 19:00 RoRE general meeting

Tue 9 Jul 18:30 Cabinet

Wed 10 Jul 19:00 Working Group

Thu 11 Jul 19:00 Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Sat 13 Jul Fullers Slade drop-in

Mon 15 Jul 18:30 RA network event

Wed 17 Jul Fullers Slade drop-in

Tue 23 Jul 19:00 Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Thu 25 Jul 18:15 Regeneration Cabinet Sub-Committee