

## **Minutes of the TBRA Working Group meeting 10/07/2019**

**Present:** Kathy Higgins (Chair), Lesley Berry, Dave Lee, Cliff Green, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Ron Ellis, Liz O'Shea and Sheila Taylor (minutes).

**Apologies:** John Orr, Mavis Boatwright, Dave Boatwright and Rosemary Englander.

Kathy welcomed Liz to the group.

### **1) Minutes of the meeting held on 13/06/2019**

These were accepted by those present.

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

- John has not yet provided the £20 receipt in respect of the expenditure for the Christmas party. **Action John**
- Dave L did not get a copy of the June Bridge for the website. **Action Kathy**
- The June TBRA meeting was not asked if it would like a visit from Nigel Long. This will be asked in July. **Action John**
- Dave has printed two versions of the Welcome pack, one as handed over by Sian Lewis and another with some suggestions of his own. Group members will look at this after the meeting. **Action all**
- As John was not present, it was not known if he had talked to the Council about the Public Realm Estate Improvement Fund. **Action John**
- The petition for a 20-mph speed limit was discussed at the June TBRA meeting and a response slip was added to the June Bridge. Kathy will ask Sarah how many responses she has had. **Action Kathy**
- Dave confirmed that the landlady of his house has now stated that she wants to take the property back on 1<sup>st</sup> September so the August WG meeting will be the last one at that address. Cliff offered his house for future meetings.

### **3) Financial report**

Mavis was not present but submitted her report after the meeting. At the end of June 2019 there was a balance of £3,477 in the bank account and £200 in petty cash, representing an increase of over £1000 over the course of the month. This is accounted for by grants from MKC for the general running of the organisation and from WCC for the seaside trip.

### **4) Grants update**

- The coach for the trip to Hunstanton in August has now been booked. There has been exceptional interest in the trip and the idea of providing a second coach was discussed. This proved not to be possible because the coach company had no other vehicles available on the date in question. Sheila will ask Deanna if she can distribute feedback forms on the coach home. Terry agreed to be the person on standby to go to Hunstanton if necessary, if anything goes wrong with arrangements for the return journey. **Action Sheila and Terry**
- MKC plan to discuss the process for awarding grants in 2019-20 at the next Residents' Association Network on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Sheila, Terry and Derek will attend this meeting. **Action Sheila, Terry and Derek**
- The process of getting DBS checks for all volunteers is now almost complete. Sheila has not been able to get in touch with John to arrange to

make his application. Kathy will chase him about this. Sarah Mitchell has agreed to hold the list of checked volunteers. Terry and Derek will ask Bill F to show Sheila his DBS certificate. **Action Sheila, Kathy, Sarah, Terry and Derek**

#### **5) Regeneration and RORE**

- Nigel Long announced at a meeting of the Coffee Hall Residents' Association that the Council had decided that regeneration will not now be happening on the five estates for which the programme yet to start.
- The next RORE meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It will be looking at how to respond to the Council's decision. Dave L feels that one focus should be on the failure in Milton Keynes to meet the Decent Homes Standard. 36% of Council houses in MK do not meet this standard, as against a national average of 4%. Another focus might be to support residents of Fullers Slade, where regeneration is going ahead. A recent exhibition there was disappointing.

#### **6) Use of the Meeting Place**

At the last TBRA meeting it was announced that WCC have leased the Meeting Place to a pre-school nursery for 5 days a week. Kathy has written to Cllr Sue Smith, Chair of WCC, to protest about this decision, which was taken without consultation with TBRA and which will deprive residents of the use of the Meeting Place. It was also felt that there will be considerable risks created by extra use of the Tesco car park at what are already busy times of day. Sue Smith replied sympathetically but no more has been heard. Kathy will chase her and will also ask at what meeting of WCC it would be appropriate for us to express our concerns further. **Action Kathy**

#### **7) Environment**

Ron reported that the estate is generally looking good. He, Terry and Derek are still having to deal with fly tipping. Neasham and Karen Galloway have given plants for the raised beds. The meeting thanked them as well as Ron, Terry, Derek and Barbara for all they do.

#### **8) The Bridge**

The following items were put forward for the July edition:

- The news about regeneration
- The Welcome Pack
- Poems by Terry and Liz

Copy to Sarah by Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, with the Bridge being printed and distributed around 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It was agreed to move £200 into the printing fund in order to buy a back up supply of black ink.

#### **9) The future of the Working Group**

Only three people were able to attend the last WG meeting and this led to a discussion about whether the group should continue. After discussion, it was agreed to have a fuller consideration of this at the September meeting, which would include a review of the WG terms of reference.

#### **10) Forthcoming meetings**

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 19:00 Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July 18:30 RA network meeting

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July 19:30 MKC full council

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 19:00 RoRE general meeting

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July 19:00 Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July 18:15 Regeneration Sub-committee

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup> July 19.30 TBRA meeting**

Tue 9 Jul 18:30 Cabinet

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> August 19:00 RoRE general meeting

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> August 19:00 Working Group**