



## **Minutes of the AGM Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Jenny Morris, Paul Hurlcombe, I Iddon, Alan and Gina Haslehurst, Kathy Higgins, P Hoppe, Barbara Willers, Cliff Green, Sam Hegarty, William Fuller, Donna Fuller, Carly Wright, Ron Ellis, Gideon Clark, Jenny Hathaway, Wayne Clements, Louise Curren, Kirsty Rennie, April Rennie, Kevin and George.

### **Apologies**

John Orr, Amee Holland, Vincent Pretorius, Monika Pretorius and Alex

The meeting was started late due to the caretaker not coming to open up.

Meeting was opened by Councillor Donna Coventry who introduced herself and welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The meeting was then handed over to April Rennie Vice chair. April asked everyone to take a pack which had a copy of, the agenda, and the constitution, The Code of conduct, The Child protection policy, and The Resident Involvements Newsletter and Milton Keynes Council survey of tenants 2015.

There are also copies of last month's minutes if anyone would like a copy.

April Rennie then read out the Chairman's report that was emailed through from John Orr

- Street Dance; classes continue on Saturdays 3-4pm. A coffee morning was held at the meeting place to raise awareness and funds. A donation was received from Councillor Hannah O'Neil that will cover costs for two months of classes. New t shirts in a range of colours have been purchased along with floor mats that help the kids with floor work. More funding is being applied for and more events are in planning.

- Football; kick-about continue on Sundays at 2pm at Colne park. Congratulations to Graham and Pavla on their new baby boy Toby. Congratulations also to Ben Woods who has achieved a place at a football academy.

- Arts and Crafts Club; arts and crafts continue on Thursdays. A donation of fifty pounds having been received from the R.A. Adult volunteers are currently being sought anyone who can help should contact Cassandra Pearson or Cheryl Wales.

•Juniors; we have faced some challenges recently with the way we organise the supervision of the juniors. Moving forward we aim to have mentors for the juniors meetings who are independent i.e. not parents. Donna Coventry has agreed to help along with myself, also other suitable candidates are being approached. The aim is to have a minimum of four mentors to give cover so that we are always able to achieve the requirement of two adults to supervise a meeting. Obviously the support of the junior's parents is vital and the mentors will liaise with and report to parents. Parents can also help enormously by supporting their child with any tasks they have been delegated. The juniors held a successful valentines disco. They secured funding for a zorbing event and that is happening tonight. The mentors will work with the juniors to assist in planning their calendar for the year meetings, events, movie club and such. If we are quick there is an opportunity to apply to Woughton Community Council for grant aid for equipment for the juniors e.g. some equipment for staging discos to help raise funds.

•Council meetings; Ron Ellis and i attended a meeting organised by housing to begin the process of resident consultation about the council's rent review. Basically they would like our thoughts on rent charged by council is it too high, too low or any other thoughts. Ron and I made a request for information on where the money goes that the council collects in rent.

•Council meetings; Ron and i attended a meeting hosted by the resident involvement department at the MK council looking at the way the health check and grant allocation will work in the future. Paula Mason has left resident involvement for pastures new within the council. Lizzie Bailes is in temporary charge until a new officer can be appointed. Also I think resident involvement has been combined with the MK regeneration function.

•Council meetings; Ron and i met with Rob Ward and Daniel from highways to hear that the parking spaces budget allocated to Tinkers Bridge will not be released by the council as Tinkers Bridge is earmarked for regeneration. We have made a freedom of information request to see the agenda, list of attendees and minutes of the meeting where this decision not to release the funds was made.

•Council meetings; I attended a meeting of the full council at Woughton Community Council to approve a 3% increase in the precept levied on residents. As instructed I voted against the increase. The council approved the rise.

•Ron and i attended the services committee meeting of Woughton Community Council where a briefing was given by the RHS on the "in your neighbourhood " scheme. Tinkers Bridge was praised for the communities' effort in the last year. Woughton was encouraged to publicise the scheme and to consider making an entry themselves.

•Environmental; sterling work has been carried out in the last month by Ron Ellis to co-ordinate between residents and the Woughton landscaping team. Shrubs have been cleared around paths through the estate. This allows people to feel safer. Also Ron spread Tons of chippings on the path through the community garden. Ron has also harassed the MK council on a number of environmental issues. Paul Hurlcombe has been assisting Ron and carrying on his own street cleaning mission. Martin David has been working hard on the path between Buckby and Broadwater. Pete Hardy continues to work hard around the estate

also. There are also many unsung heroes amongst our community who do their bit to improve the environment for all.

- Saturday Drop In ; funding has been secured to allow us to commence with opening the meeting place every Saturday as a base for a gardening and environment club, healthy eating club, street dance, juniors film club and general drop in / cafe / info exchange.

Carly Wright was the invited to give the annual accounts report the books were closed on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Donna Fuller then took over the meeting the old committee stepped down.

Chairperson John Orr had emailed though his desire to continue as Chairperson if voted in.

**CHAIRPERSON** John Orr was nominated by April Rennie seconded by Jenny Morris and several others

**VICE CHAIR** April Rennie was nominated by Barbara Willers seconded by Cliff Green and many others

**TREASURER** Carly Wright was nominated by Kirsty Rennie and seconded by Barbara Willers and several others.

**SECRETARY** No one wanted to take on this role. April Rennie said she was willing to do this role if others were happy her taking on two roles. Ron Ellis said his Wife Linda Ellis was happy to assist April in these duties. This was agreed by a majority vote.

**EVENTS COORDINATORS** Kirsty Rennie and Louise were nominated by and seconded by and many others.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATORS** Ron Ellis, Paul Hurlcombe, William Fuller and Sam Heagerty were nominated by April Rennie and seconded by Jenny Morris and many others.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** Jenny Morris, Cliff Green , Barbara Willers, Donna Fuller, Kathy Higgins, George

Members from Marshworth and Holmfield Close requested to discuss a situation they have with HMO housing they have on Marshworth. Planning permission was granted but the landlord is not sticking to what was stipulated in the planning permission. There is concern of overcrowding, rubbish, insufficient parking damage to the verges and health and safety. There is also concern that another house may be becoming HMO but no planning permission. It was agreed that Donna Fuller would meet with Kathy Higgins to go and have a look and will look into the situation further. Donna Fuller gave her address and said any problems she is happy to be contacted. Kathy Higgins said she had contacted the estate agents and there had been some improvement. Ron Ellis advised that Lorraine Essam from Woughton Community Council was also looking into the matter. April Rennie mentioned we have a new housing officer for Tinkers Bridge

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Jenny Morris mentioned we had a problem on Tinkers Bridge with a house run by the same estate agents, they dump a lot of rubbish which sits for months and we as residents association had to go clear it. It was absolutely disgusting. Paul Hurlcombe stated we still have issues with this same house.

Kevin was concerned at the negative mention of HMO, he said he has three houses on Tinkers Bridge the council only allow for 5 tenants in each of his houses. He stated he is more than happy for people to speak to him direct if there are any issues with his tenants.

### **Events**

It was discussed that we feel there should be more events for adults on the estate a vote was taken for this and a majority agreed.

April Rennie mentioned there was lots of interest for Zumba, healthy eating, adult cooking and slimming clubs.

Ron Ellis said he felt we should continue to do all the events we currently do for the children a vote was taken for this and a majority agreed.

Donna Fuller reminded us that within the woughton area we could hire the mini bus so could take smaller numbers on outings it does not always have to be large scale.

Kathy Higgins said she was very happy to do a yoga group and a writing group and mentioned doing walks would be a good idea.

Sea Side trips seem to be a popular request so majority voted that we will continue to source grant aid funding and do these trips.

Food bank April mentioned the food bank had done well and we had been able to help quite a few people, it was voted that this was to continue and it was mentioned if anyone had any unwanted furniture or clothing they could advertise it on the Tinkers Bridge Free cycle page which was just for Tinkers Residents.

Events co coordinators will liaise with residents by all different means to get ideas and hear what residents would like to happen in 2015.

Meeting was closed at 9pm April thanked everyone for attending.