

## **Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association Meeting 26 January 2017**

**Present:** John Orr (Chairperson); Lesley Berry (Secretary); Ron Ellis (Vice-Chairperson); Andy Argus (P.C.S.O.); Anne Bircham (YourMK); Lorraine Essam (WCC); Lauren Wainwright (P.C.S.O.); T. Douglas; A. Douglas; W. Fuller; C. Green; Pam; S. Hegarty; L. Iddon; D. Lee; B. Wilkes; D. Weller; T. Weller; Vincent; S. Taylor.

**Apologies:** R. Englander; N. Johnson; K. Higgins.

John Orr welcomed all to the meeting.

### **1.0 Minutes of the last meeting**

#### **1.1 Approved and signed**

### **2.0 Chair's Report**

The Christmas Party, Pantomime Trip and Christmas Lunch were all successful. John thanked all those who helped with these events.

We have had two meetings as a build up to the celebration event on 28th January 2017.

John, Ron and others have attended a couple of meetings at the Council re-regeneration. There will be a referendum for each estate, before any decisions are taken.

### **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer was unable to attend but we were assured that the funds are in order.

### **4.0 Report of the Environment Team (Ron Ellis)**

4.1 Several tree branches have been cut down.

4.2 The Central Roundabout would have to be closed off if work were to be carried out there in the future.

4.3 Lights - only 3 are currently out of order; Blisworth now has all its lights working.

4.4 Leaf clearing - the council are coming to clear them

4.5 Alleyways - these are being kept clear.

4.6 More litterpickers are needed to tidy up for the 28th January event.

4.7 The estate looks much better generally.

4.8 Rubbish - a few problems exist, because some residents are unaware of the procedures for putting out rubbish on collection days.

### **5.0 Milton Keynes Police (Lauren P.C.S.O)**

5.1 If anyone has issues they should raise them with Lauren.

5.2 Crime figures are down.

### **6.0 W.C.C. (Lorraine Essam)**

6.1 Food Waste Recycling - Some residents continue to dispose of food waste in black bags.

The parish that has the best recycling results could win an award of £5000; Lorraine offered a small green bin to encourage proper disposal of food waste towards this goal..

6.2 Fly Tipping is down on the estate.

6.3 The chairperson thanked Lorraine for her hard work.

### **7.0 W.C.C. Neighbourhood Plan**

7.1 This has now been signed off by the full Council, with one addition - that nothing should be done without full consultation with each estate.

### **8.0 Regeneration (Anne Bircham)**

8.1 Monthly updates are given to key people known as SPOCS (Specific Point of Contact); Barbara and Lesley are SPOCS in this area but more volunteers are needed. For this see the YourMK website.

8.2 Stock Condition Surveys are nearly complete. 30th April is the finishing date.

8.3 The first estate/s to be regenerated will be announced in the late spring.

#### **9.0 Tesco Bags of Help Scheme** (Sheila Taylor)

9.1 Further details will be available soon from Sheila Taylor.

#### **10.0 Training Courses**

10.1 These are run for 18-30 year olds by the Prince's Trust with the aim of training participants to become construction workers.

#### **11.0 Tinkers Bridge Community Plan** (Dave Lee)

11.1 The Working Group is making progress with executing the plan. He invited residents to come along to the January event to see what is happening.

#### **12.0 Planning the Celebration Event for 28th January** (Sheila Taylor)

12.1 Members were invited to come along and see what has been happening and also to share their memories of life in Tinkers Bridge.

12.2 The CAB will be represented at the event and will give advice on energy bills.

12.3 A full lunch will be provided and children's activities will be on offer.

12.4 There will be a photography competition.

12.5 Residents are invited to give us their thoughts on future events so that we can apply for funding grants if necessary.

12.6 BBC4 has commissioned a documentary about Milton Keynes; the producer may attend the event and will welcome contributions from, people who have lots of memories of the area.

12.7 The Police, WCC and YourMK have been invited to attend.

#### **13.0 Any Other Business**

**The AGM** will be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 and a new committee will be selected. A council member will take the chair for this business.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.