Meeting 45 Old Groveway 29th March 2018



Attendees:

Ron Ellis (Chair); Dave Lee; Sheila Taylor; Terry Weller; Derek Weller; Lesley Berry (minutes)

Visitors from Fullers Slade Residents Association (FRSA):

Barrie Wilde, Stuart Dunn

Apologies:

John Orr; Kathy Higgins; Barbara Willis; Rosemary Englander, Kathy Higgins, Mavis Boatwright, Dave Boatwright.

1 The chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were not available, so held over to the next meeting.

3 Chairs report

In John's absence no report was available.

4 Treasurers Report

Mavis was not present but it was reported that Councillor Pauline Prop has agreed that her grant of £100, originally intended for the Christmas Party, could be used instead for an Easter event.

5 Environmental Report

There is one more alleyway to be cleared. Terry and Derek have been planting up boxes, Wood chippings have been put down in one or two alleyways so far.

Ron has cleared up two boxes of empty bottles on the estate. The Environment Grant and Tesco grant have been used to buy wood, screws and compost for the raised beds. The Tesco grant must be spent by 22nd May. There are further grants for this purpose from Councillor Hannah O'Neill and Councillor Pauline Prop which do not

have specific time limits.

The flower beds which have been planted up using these grants will be photographed as will the alleyways and the community garden. Terry and Derek have offered to do this.

Ron, Terry and Derek have all received awards from WCC for their work on the environment.

6 Update on Regeneration MK

Dave L attended the Full Council meeting and asked questions about grants to the estates. He was told that grants should come through and it has been minuted that they will be awarded.

Barrie said that FRSA have produced a 54-page interim report which "blows apart" the options given to them by YourMK. A copy has been sent to Michael Kelleher who has not so far replied. The report is due to go to Savill's for validation. It is the only plan currently in this position as the YourMK report has been withdrawn.

FRSA will be community led in their dealings with MKC and YourMK. They will offer solutions and see what response they get.

Dave L suggested using the 4 options from the Fullers Slade November presentation as a template for other estates, so they could express their preferences in advance of their turn.

There has not been a to the meeting of the RAs of all 7 regeneration estates and this should be rectified as soon as possible.

Repairs to properties on the regeneration estates have not been kept up to date.

7 Funding Committee Update

Seaside Coach trip – it was unanimously agreed to apply for a grant from WCC for help towards the cost of the coach. Sheila will make the application by the beginning of May for the May Services Committee. Deanna Norris has agreed to help organize the trip if we are successful with the application.

8 First Steps Working Group Update

With reference to the housing repairs as previously touched on:-

- 1) One family had not heating for a week
- 2) One family had no shower for a week

John wants to set up a local expert to deal with advice on such matters. The feeling is that we need a council house tenant to whom we could go, who would have contact details for people who could help. David Gleeson is apparently the conduit for all estates. We need a representative from our estate to point people in the right direction.

Terry and Derek offered to act as co-ordinators for all those who need

help. They would then pass on details to Dave Lee who would in turn pass them on to David Gleeson. This is to be put to the next TBRA meeting as a proposal.

9 Easter Egg Hunt

Sarah is organising this. Terry, Derek, Ron and Dave will be available to help if needed. Terry will check with Sarah.

10 Any Other Business

Summer Multi-cultural Event:

There has been no response so far but we are hopeful it will happen.

Cressington Housing Estate has won a battle over regeneration with Southwarlk Council. Dave L said that he would like to contact them.

11 Next meeting:

25th April 2018 7.30 pm in the meeting place.