

TINKERS BRIDGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes for 28.11.2019

Apologies from: Bill Fuller, Liz O'Shea and John Orr

Very poor turnout – only eight

Introduction of Guests

Maria Brown is a newly appointed Local Area Coordinator based at WCC. She is part of a pilot programme that has been tried for 12 months already in other parts of MK. Her role is to engage with people who are isolated in the community and try to work to make them less isolated, improve health and well-being.. Her first tasks are: to learn about the community; collate information; identify people; engage with them to increase their community participation.

We were asked to identify anybody on our estate who might be interested in this project. NB. Individuals must give their permission to be recommended to Maria.

Sheila asked if she could help to set up the proposed Keep Fit group: yes.

Cliff asked for contact details: business cards and letter drops coming.

Dave suggested we should put Maria's details in the Welcome Pack. Action: Dave

Matters Arising from last Minutes

There was a update on the Christmas Party plans on 21 December. Dave passed round a To Do jobs list and people signed up as it was passed round. We decided to ask for help on Facebook. Action: Kathy

Ron will ask people to keep streets clear of cars. Action: Ron

The Public Realm Fund update

Sheila reported on this. We have been awarded a £12k grant – TBRA has already decided to use this to fund: traffic calming humps; a mirror on Aldenham roundabout; updating of the murals around the Meeting Place; removal of tree branches that obscure street lamps.

We are being assisted in all of this by Christopher Boyo, Interim Community Manager, Milton Keynes Council. He is liaising, through Sheila with the Highways Dept on our behalf. Action: Sheila and Chris

The Working Group will discuss the tree issue further as responsibility needs to be clarified for this task. Action: On WG agenda

Grants update

Sheila is applying for an MK Development Partnership Fund grant of £500 to refurbish our raised beds. There is a Dec 13 deadline. Action: Sheila

Kathy asked if she should contact the Allotments Ass. For any extra help in spring to assist in planting etc. Agreed. Action: Kathy

Sheila stressed the need to get receipts for all expenditure for the Christmas Party.

AOB

1. Report from Ron about the upset caused by young people at the shelter on the park at Colne, raised by a Resident on FB and to Ron. Long discussion on this. Community Police should engage with this and should be pestered to do so. There is a meeting on Friday 6th December on this issue at Beanhill – Moorlands Centre. Ron asked to inform the Resident and encourage attendance at this.
2. There is an informal 'interview' for a Neighbourhood Manager being held on Tues. 3 Dec at the Civic Offices. Council tenants asked to join the panel. Agreed that Terry and Dereck would try to attend for TBRA.
3. WCC has won a Parish Council of the Year Award – congratulations.
4. Ron said wood chips are available on Aldenham.
5. Discussion about how to prevent parking on our grass verges.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 30.1.2020!