

WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

MINUTES of the Group Meeting on 15 November 2010 at 7:00 pm, at the Wilford Bowls & Social Club, 55 Main Street, Wilford.

PRESENT – Stephanie Taylor (ST) - Chairwoman, Roger Steel (RS) - Vice-Chairman, Frank Wakelin (FW) Sheila Atherton (SA), Daniel Atherton (DA), Josie Foster (JF), Peter Stiles (PS), Maureen Godfrey (MG), Andrew Rule (AR), Residents

IN ATTENDANCE: Elaine Stenson (ES), Paula Curzon (PC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Chris Allsopp (CA), Dave Boulton (DB) – Secretary, Brian Hardy (BH) – Treasurer, Bill Roughton (BR)

CHAIRWOMAN'S OPENING REMARKS – ST welcomed all present and introduced ES, NB.

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved as correct.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING (18 OCTOBER) – ST informed the meeting that the Beckett School had been notified of the problems caused by their students littering the Green near the Co-op. PS confirmed that his grand-daughter had informed him that the Headmaster had addressed this issue to the public.

ES confirmed to the meeting that the bridge would be unable to support spikes due to rust erosion, but stated that Council would be fitting netting to the Bridge paid out of the Neighbourhood Action Group.

ST informed the meeting that DB had informed her that the decisions in relation to the development at the Ferry had been given but did not give any indication on signage. ST also informed the meeting that the Planning Officers had rejected applications in relation to internal glazing of internal partitions. It was noted that the Environmental Survey had not acknowledged the concerns raised by DB in relation to the potential flood risk.

ES drew the meeting's attention to a new follow up questionnaire the results of which will feed into the previous questionnaire in the Arrow.

WILFORD COMMUNITY FACILITY UPDATE – TW/DB attended. It was reported that apologies were received from Norma (Girl Guides), Rev Phil Marsh. DB presented the basic survey prepared by ST – disappointed with turnout. It was confirmed that Coun. Andrew Price would assist with paying for publication but not with delivery. ES required three quotes in order for the funding to be obtained – ST to assist in providing these. ES/AR to each donate a box of envelopes for the delivery of the questionnaire. DB anticipated once results were received it would take 4 days to collate and process them. DB had also recommended that the next WCG meeting was 13 December 2010. RS recommended the questionnaire contained details of postcode/house of recipients to prevent duplication and to allow future contact – the Group concluded this was unnecessary.

The Group considered various amendments proposed by RS however it was concluded that the format and content of the questionnaire should remain.

LIBRARY SITE/ASSET TRANSFER – RS confirmed with PC that she was satisfied that the subcommittee had the authority to proceed with discussions with council officers re: asset transfer.

RS reported that he had contacted Naomi Diamond of the Development Trust Association who confirmed their discussions, regarding establishing a formal asset transfer, with the Council were progressing and a further meeting was to held on 25 November.

PC stated she had been in communication with Natalie Selliers who had confirmed that it was unlikely the Council would transfer a building to the Group in disrepair.

AREA COMMITTEE – The Chair reported that DB had attended the meeting. The issue of illegal parking on grassed area had been discussed it was concluded that this issue would be monitored as it did not presently directly affect Wilford.

The proposed installation of three wind turbines in the Clifton Grove area was discussed. RS suggested that this discussion of this issue be reserved until the next WCG meeting. The Group concurred.

AOB – ST confirmed that the Ferry had been selected for the Group's Xmas meal and that a bottle of wine had been selected for NB to be presented at the next meeting.

ES advised that the next Ward Walk would be held on 18th January at 1:30pm – route TBC. ST and MG expressed a desire to attend. MG requested that the walk include the library site to assess its state of repair at that point. ES noted the request.

BA raised the issue of the forthcoming rent review on the Coronation Avenue allotments. It transpired there was to be a forthcoming public meeting with the Allotment Officer from the Council.

ES informed the meeting that if the Council would be forming a Ward Forum which representatives from Community Groups within the Ward could attend and therefore with immediate effect ES would no longer be attending the WCG meetings.

RS asked ES about purpose of Wilford, Clifton and Silverdale Forum. ES stated she had no knowledge of Group's purpose and had no knowledge of it holding a meeting since the formation of the Area Committee.

PC informed the meeting that a training day would held on 25 November at the Clifton Cornerstone.

ES reported that the mobile library was receiving good utilisation in particular from the Playgroup.

There being further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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S Taylor 15 November 2010
Chair