

**Wilford Community Group**  
**Tenth Anniversary**  
**Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on**  
**Monday 17th December 2012 at**  
**Wilford Social and Bowls Club**  
**at 7:30pm**

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) -Chairperson-  
Peter Stiles (PBS) - Treasurer  
Daniel Atherton (DA) – Minutes  
Sheila Atherton (SA)  
Brian Hardy (BH)  
Linda Stiles (LS)  
Alan Foster (AF)  
Frank Wakelin (FW)

Also present;  
Councillor Roger Steel (RS)  
Steve Tough (ST) – Nottingham City Council

ITEM		ACTION
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received from Dave Boulton, Bill Roughton, Matt Pooley, Parbinder Singh, Paul Mullins, Pat Huxley, Irene Hazzledine.	
2	<b>Minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup></b> ; subject to minor amendments and corrections, the minutes were approved.	
3	<b>Tram Construction:</b> ST attended on behalf of NCC and stated that contractor specific queries would be fed back to the Group in due course.  ST stated that the widening works on the Toll Bridge are expected to continue into the first five months of next year, with an estimated time of completion being in the Summer. There will be a 12 night closure of the bridge early in the new year, with the works to raise the level of Main Road being carried out in early 2013. Utility works will commence in the new year, with work on the Iremongers Pond Retaining Wall and construction of the car park happening around February.  The final alignment of the track will occur around August 2013, with the Wilford Lane Crossing works happening at about the same time.	DB to add Tram Safety to agenda as rolling item.

	<p>ST was not aware of any planned extension to the closure of Ruddington Lane from the 6 months already in force. It was hoped that Pedestrian and Cycle access will be renewed around April, prior to vehicular access being reinstated.</p> <p>BH stated that the earth already removed in the area where the retaining wall is to be constructed has left a sheer face that is unprotected at this time and could be affected by flooding in the event of heavy rain. Local residents in the area have raised safety concerns. ST will seek clarification from the contractor.</p> <p>PBS had sent RS an email regarding a review of Tram Safety, following the recent tragic incident on the Hucknall line. This is due to certain crossing points in the local area, in particular the two overhead railway bridges along the two Wilford allotment sites, as well as at local schools where there could be definite safety risks for pedestrians, and young children. ST stated that the Trams will be audible, and that as some of the crossings will be close to a stop, hat the tram will be either stationary or moving slowly. The speed of the trams will also be significantly slower than in the Hucknall area. The crossings where there is a possible poor sighting will be railed to force pedestrians to look into oncoming traffic. The biggest concern is that of the crossing near Ruddington Lane Park. It was stated that because there is a stop very nearby, the speed of the trams will be no higher than 10mph.</p> <p>PBS asked whether the WCG supported his email to RS. AR suggested that the item of crossing safety be kept as a rolling item in order for the Group to monitor the situation.</p> <p>RS enquired about where the path from the Toll Bridge to the Ferry will go whilst earthworks fill in the west half of Main Road. ST stated that he would return with an answer as soon as possible.</p> <p>RS forwarded a complaint from local residents regarding HGV's that have been using Main Road. The first problem being that local residents had been assured that construction vehicles would travel along the east side of the old Railway Embankment. Construction vehicles have been observed during school pick up and drop off times, in particular on Friday during the morning and afternoon. ST stated he would report back.</p> <p>A local resident enquired whether a second access point to the Iremongers Pond would be made. ST confirmed that it would be.</p>	
4	<p><b>Asset Transfer Terms of Reference</b> Subject to a few corrections and amendments by AR. BH stated that there was still no business plan. He suggested that the Asset Transfer Group would act like the Iremongers Pond Group as a separate entity to the WCG.</p>	AR to correct the mistakes and circulate the amended document to the WCG

	<p>PBS asked when the Company Limited by Guarantee would be set up. AR stated that it would be as soon as the subcommittee had a clear situation and offer from NCC. Any such Company will be totally independent from the WCG, with no liability to be incurred by WCG should the Company fail. PBS asked if the WCG would ever be approached by the sub-committee/Company Limited by Guarantee with requests for financial assistance. SA suggested that within the ToR there should be specific reference to the sub-committee/ Company Limited by Guarantee not having any financial links to the WCG.</p> <p>LS enquired whether a second survey determining local residents' opinions on usage of the Library Site would be necessary, as after two years since the last survey, people's expectations and the local residents may have changed.</p> <p>AF stated in his view elderly residents without independent transport still required a local post office in order to collect their pensions.</p> <p>SA asked for the mandate to state what the sub-committee is not allowed to do, such as spending money on behalf of WCG. Whilst also stating the Sub-Committee's objective.</p> <p>PBS also asked for the group to provide clear information, including exactly who was a part of the group.</p> <p>AR clarified that the Asset Transfer Group is a subcommittee of the WCG until a worthwhile vehicle is established to go forwards, in which case the group will become independent and move onwards away from the WCG.</p> <p>RS stated he was confident that a definite pool of volunteers would be available in the local area that would be happy to step in and support the idea.</p>	
5	<p><b>B-Bank Cycle Path</b> John Lee of NCC will make amendments to barriers including extending the northern most barrier by three inches.</p> <p>PBS agreed that the barriers had been effective in preventing the cyclists from travelling at high speeds past the northern houses along the B-Bank. But that the slalom could be widened to conform to regulations for disabled access.</p> <p>It was raised that instead of placing a sign at the south side of the B-Bank stating that there was no wheelchair access (illegal under discrimination laws, etc) could be bypassed by placing signage detailing an alternative route via the eastern path.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that if the planter, currently in front of the</p>	<p>AJPR/DB to contact local residents in vicinity of planter's current location and intended location to seek views.</p>

	<p>barriers was moved as previously resolved and the barriers widened, the residents in the immediate area could still be put at risk from cyclists as they were in the first place. It was suggested that the planter remain in place until the outcome of the barrier widening was known.</p> <p>PBS asked that someone consult with the affected local residents.</p>	
6	<p><b>Safety Camera</b> DB to shortly schedule meeting between DB, AR, and BR to train for the maintenance of the camera.</p>	DB to arrange meeting with PBS.
7	<p><b>Appointments of Auditors</b> Subject to some amendments made by PBS, AR proposed that the item be forwarded to the next AGM.</p>	
8	<p><b>AOB</b> Area 8 meeting There has been a substantial drop in fly tipping across the area although this had not been a problem in Wilford. Crime is up in the ward, whilst it is stated that this is reflective of the relatively low numbers to begin with. It was also noted that the Bridge Ward is affected by similar parking problems to the local area.</p> <p>PBS requested that the Group's appreciation of the generous donation of £100 by the Rotary Club of Trent Bridge be recorded.</p> <p>Glen Derry wanted her thanks to the Group for its service to the local community minuted.</p> <p>SA asked that the next AGM be made a meeting to look back across the previous ten years of the group.</p> <p>A resident enquired about the possibility of a yellow box being placed across the Wilford crossroads to allow for definite exit from the village to minimize gridlock that had occurred earlier in the month. SA stated that this would be a knee-jerk reaction to a one off event.</p>	
<p><b><u>The meeting was closed at 9:12pm by Andrew Rule.</u></b> <i>Wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas.</i></p>		