

WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of the Community Group Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club at 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Stephanie Taylor (ST) – Chairwoman
 Roger Steel (RS) - Vice-Chairman
 Dave Boulton (DB) - Secretary
 Brian Hardy (BH) – Treasurer
 Daniel Atherton (DA)
 Sheila Atherton (SA)
 Josie Foster (JF)
 Maureen Godfrey (MG)
 Bill Roughton (BR)
 Andrew Rule (AR) (from item 6)
 Peter Stiles (PS)
 Frank Wakelin (FW)
 Residents

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1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Parbinder Singh</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 21st February 2011 Meeting</p> <p>Subject to item 4 being amended from "...rental invoice for the six months from July 2010 for £200" being changed to "...rental invoice for ten meetings from July 2010 for £200", the minutes were unanimously accepted as being accurate and were signed by the Chair.</p>	
3	<p>Outstanding Actions</p> <p>a) BH has obtained an invoice from the Social Club for room rental for the twelve months from July 2010 at a cost of £200.</p> <p>b) ST confirmed that only a very limited number of planters in Area 9 would be maintained by the City Council in 2011/12 but she had not received any notification of which they would be.</p> <p>c) ST has approached the Allotment Society to ask whether they would be prepared to plant and maintain the planters outside the Village Shop.</p>	
4	<p>Room Rental Payment to Wilford Social Club</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the invoice from Wilford Social Club for £200 for meeting room rental be paid.</p>	
5	<p>Web Hosting Renewal</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the web hosting costs for 2011/12 of £30 including VAT be paid.</p>	

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6	<p>Asset Transfer Update</p> <p>RS informed the meeting that no further meetings could now be held until after the May elections due to RS being a candidate in those elections. He had had a meeting with the City Council Development Trust Association (DTA) that was a general meeting attended by a number of local groups. Among the points made by the DTA representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The earliest that the DTA/City Council would have a draft policy for Asset Transfer in place would be September 2011; ● Asset Transfer should not be viewed by community groups as a way of getting "free buildings." <p>Concern was expressed that the City Council had committed to maintaining and insuring the former library building until September 2011 and what would happen after that if no progress had been made by the City Council with the Asset Transfer policy.</p> <p>Given RS's involvement with the May elections which would cause the committee to reassess how this would be taken forward, it was agreed that the Secretary would carry over this item to the May meeting.</p>	DB
7	<p>Community Facility – Joint Working with other Groups</p> <p>BH asked if the groups that were involved in the first Community Facilities meeting were still going to get together to work on a community facility. DB stated that no approach had been made by any groups to any others following the publication of the results of the Community Survey, but in any case, it would be difficult to progress this until it was known in detail what form such a project would take.</p>	
8	<p>Grove Farm Wind Turbine Project</p> <p>PS and JF had attended the exhibition at Clifton Cornerstone and reported that it was simply posters of the information that already existed in the university website. Some specific questions had been asked about the technical construction of the turbines, but no one from the university was able to answer.</p> <p>ST volunteered to attend the public meeting and requested that the Secretary carry this over to the next meeting for ST to provide an update.</p>	DB
9	<p>Ruddington Lane Playing Fields</p> <p>ST reminded the meeting that the grant application to Veolia for an additional £50,000 approx of funding for the playing fields development would not be resolved until May. ST agreed to contact Fliss Walker at the City Council to get a status report on the application.</p> <p>SA asked whether it was still appropriate for her and BR to attend the Open Spaces committee meetings. It was agreed that it was appropriate and ST agreed to ensure that agendas and minutes were circulated to BR and SA as soon as she received them.</p>	ST
10	<p>Proposed Changes to Bee Bank Footpath</p> <p>BR reported that at the time of the meeting, the proposed changes were going to go ahead. However, BR stated that he didn't think that the changes would make any difference and suggested that the money would be better spent at the north end of the Bee Bank that might reduce the risk of injury/collisions outside the houses there.</p> <p>It was agreed that BR would provide a letter to DB to send to the Highways department asking that they consider this change.</p>	BR DB

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11	<p>Update from 16th March Area Committee Meeting</p> <p>ST reported that she had asked the Area Committee if any S106 monies might be available to Wilford from the former Becket Scholl development on Ruddington Lane but was told that none would be forthcoming. It was agreed that ST would contact Councillor Price to ask if the Committee might reconsider this.</p> <p>ST reported that Councillor Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder Transport and Area Working) had made a presentation to the meeting about the possible restructure of the Area Committees into three Management Boards. The "South Nottingham" board would comprise Area 6 (Mapperly, St Ann's and Dales wards), Area 8 (Bridge) and Area 9 (Clifton North and Clifon South). These match the Police beat structures. The consolidation of the management structure into Management Boards is designed to reduce management costs and enable Area Committees to share best practice.</p>	ST
12	<p>Village Transport</p> <p>BH asked what the status of the Toll Bridge would be during the tram works. DB said that the bridge would be closed for a period of around six months with pedestrians expected to cross the river using the Wilford Suspension Bridge or travelling into the city by bus. Buses would be laid in during school term time to transport children from the north side of the river to Wilford schools. BH expressed a concern that this may have an adverse impact on the Silverdale island, which was already subject to congestion at peak times.</p>	
13	<p>Street Signage</p> <p>PS reported that signs appear to have been replaced at Launceston Crescent but not yet those in the Bader Road area. It was agreed that the Secretary carry over this item to the next meeting to monitor the situation.</p>	DB
14	<p>Portable Speed Warning Sign</p> <p>BR reported that CPO Allan Wadley had access to funds to purchase an portable speed monitor. This would tell drivers what speed they were doing but would also record traffic speed over a period of time onto a memory card that would enable analysis of the data to take place. No registration plates are recorded by the monitor. The monitor can be installed and uninstalled, meaning that it can be used in many places within the ward.</p> <p>BR said that he was taking part in a training exercise with the Police on the installation of the monitors and it was agreed by the committee that he should continue to represent the Group in this.</p>	
15	<p>Planters</p> <p>FW confirmed that the planters on Grange Close were now planted and maintained from donations by local residents.</p>	

16	<p>Approach to WCG Meetings with no agenda items</p> <p>Discussions took place about whether meetings where the Secretary had not received any agenda items should be cancelled. The following points of principle were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee members should not assume that others will send agenda items to the Secretary – the Secretary will ensure that no items are duplicated on the agenda.● The current timetable will continue to be used, whereby agenda items are requested two weeks before the meeting and the agenda is sent out one week before the meeting.● The Secretary will continue to invite agenda items from residents and meeting invitees, using the same timetable as for committee members.● The initial agenda for the subsequent meeting will be formed from actions agreed at the previous meeting.● Committee members were requested to raise items as AOB only if they are urgent for that meeting and cannot be carried over to the following meeting.● At the end of each agenda item, all decisions and actions must be formally noted by the minute-taker to ensure that nothing is missed.● To help form the draft agenda for the following meeting, the draft minutes of the meeting should be prepared and distributed before the request for agenda items is sent out by the Secretary. <p>A motion was put to the committee that "meetings with only 'Previous Minutes', 'Apologies' and 'Any Other Business' on the agenda should not be cancelled". The motion was carried by seven votes to four, with one abstention.</p>	
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17	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed that Lilian Greenwood MP would be invited to attend a public meeting to discuss issues that were important to Wilford. It was agreed that subject to her accepting the invitation, the committee would send her a list of topics that would be covered to try and make the meeting as constructive as possible. ● DB reported that he had received an email from a local history enthusiast in Arnold asking if there were any plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Wilford Bridge Act in 2012. Whilst the committee thought that this was a good idea, concerns were expressed about the level of support that would be available to organise an event and also that the bridge may not be usable then due to the tram works. It was agreed that at this stage that DB would contact the individual to thank him for his interest, to explain the committee's concerns and to ask if he was offering his services to help organise the event. ● Resident Alan Foster reported an approach to the Allotments Association by someone asking if they could lease the paddock part of the allotments to stable three ponies and whether the Community Group had any objections to this. It was agreed unanimously that the committee had no objections to this proposal. ● Nottingham in Bloom – BR reported that no plants would be made available this year. It was agreed unanimously that the Group would not take part in this year's scheme. ● Mini-roundabout near Clifton Bridge – it was reported that the roundabout needs repainting. It was agreed that DB should contact the Highways department on behalf of the Group to request its repainting. ● DB reported that he had registered the Group for the Nottingham Evening Post's Cash For Your Community Scheme whereby monies are distributed to groups based on tokens collected from the Evening Post. When the tokens become available, the Group would need to publicise this to residents to secure as many tokens as possible. ● BR reminded the meeting that an Open Day was taking place at Iremongers Pond on ????? ● Flood wall graffiti – BR reported that this had been inspected by the Environment Agency but issues relating to Working At Height regulations and Working In Enclosed Spaces regulations meant that risk assessment work had to be carried out first. 	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>

The meeting closed at 22:00

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Chair