

**Minutes of the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group Meeting
Held at 5:30 pm on 14th June 2010 at Tadlow**

Present:	Jill Preston (JP)	Chair	Des Gordon (DesG)	Support
	Sheila Griffin (SG)	Member	Mary Graham (MG)	Member
	John Higson (JH)	Vice Chair	Lui Yang	Member
	Denise Parry (DP)	Support	Claudia Cain	Support
	Harman Gill (HDG)	Cook & Eat	Shaun	TTK
	Hilary Gander(HG)	Tran Town K'ton		
Apologies:	Georgina Harris (GH)	Treasurer	Jill Darling (JD)	Support
	Doreen Gardiner (DG)	Secretary	Geraldine Burgess (GB)	Member
	Maria Turner (MT)	Support	Penny Shelton (PS)	Support

		ACTION
1.	JP opened the meeting and apologies were given.	
2.	<p>TRANSITION TOWN KINGSTON- Summer Project</p> <p>JP introduced Hilary Gander and Shaun from 'Transition Town Kingston' (TTK) who are a group working to improve the future for Kingston Residents. One of their ideas is to launch a summer garden project on the CRE where residents would be encouraged to create window boxes or plant in pots. They are also interested in setting up a sustainable perma culture system to harvest rainwater.</p> <p>The project could run in a number of ways, either by working initially with ground floor tenants/homeowners or be initiating a ground share scheme whereby those with land work share the land and /or labour with those who do not have land. At the end of the day the harvests will be shared.</p> <p>It was agreed that JP will write to SO to seek RBK permission for this scheme and MG will meet further with Hilary and Shaun to make further plans</p>	JP MG
3	<p>COOK AND EAT</p> <p>JP introduced Harman Gill from the 'Cook and Eat' programme. Harman explained that 'Cook & Eat' was about investing time and resources in training individual volunteers to run a 6 week project whereby residents join together to design a nutritious recipe then shop for, cook and eat it. This would involve commitment and funding and there was a need for CRESt to read and understand the terms and conditions of the scheme. Those present indicated that they were keen to pursue such a project and may also have the funds required to finance the course. Harman agreed to look in to this further and report back.</p>	HG
4.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th MAY 2010</p> <p>These were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>a) CRERA/TMO discussion –JP reported that she had written to TB and CF to explain that there is an existing protocol in place.</p>	

b) **'Fix My Street'** - SG reported that on behalf of CREst she had applied for a grant to fund this project which encourages residents to report problems in their neighbourhood. We should learn if this application has been successful within a month.

JP
SG

c) **Playbuilder** - DesG reported that there had been a meeting that day involving both resident groups, RBK and representatives from Childrens Play Services. The plan is to hold a Resident Consultation event on 24th July with a bbq, bouncy castle etc and ask residents their opinion on future play equipment. SG requested that Cambridge Gardens residents be invited too. It was also suggested that the 'Open Air Gym' equipment could include Camb Gdns.

DesG

6. CHAIRS REPORT

JP had circulated her report prior to the meeting, including a separate, Confidential, appendix concerning the situation with KPCT. She reported that she and DG will be meeting Russell Styles on 1st July in the hope of resolving the situation

JP also mentioned the fact that there had been a spate of fires around the estate recently and urged all present to be vigilant.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

It was suggested that it may be better if the Fun Day accounts were operated from a separate bank account to improve the possibility of further funding applications. However, it was reported that, as the 'End of Year' statements will show the total account balance anyway there was little to be gained by this.

DP will pursue Lorraine Shaile with a view to auditing our accounts in the future.

DP

8. TRAINING UPDATE

Food Hygiene – Des G has arranged this for 26th June – all Crest members were urged to attend. However, the committee unanimously agreed that CREst will not pay for other people to be trained using the CREst budget.

DesG

Governance – it was agreed that Sanja be asked to work with us again in the future.

SK

9. NEWSLETTER.

Funding. The current funding for the newsletter expires with the next issue. MG agreed to pursue funding applications once JP has forwarded details .

MG

Future Production – DP reported that she and JP are meeting with a volunteer from KVC volunteer register called Naheed .

JP/DP

Website maintenance - JP is now trained on updating the website, others were urged to attend the half day training also..

10. EVENTS & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Reflect Course Minutes – A copy of the minutes from this course had been circulated. Alarm was expressed that the content of these minutes implies an authority over CREst events and activities which does not exist. It was unanimously agreed that JP write to Carolyn Conway, the course leader highlighting the inaccuracies and requesting that details are clarified in the future.

JP

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You Can update – See 'Reflect' above

Hawks Road Clinic Garden Launch.- It was agreed that this was a huge success and thanks were offered to DP for her persistence over many years seeking to achieve this.

Coach Trips - All posters are done and up tickets are being sold for all 4 trips.

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ESTATE MATTERS

JP introduced Claudia Cane as the new CRE Manager and welcomed her to the meeting. JH requested that regular dates be set for site inspections in the future. SG asked to be included with this.

**JH
CC**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12TH July 2010, Tadlow at 6pm

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