



## **CHAIR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2011**

### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

**Cambridge Road Estates Play Scheme** – Minutes from this meeting are attached.

As a brief summary, the Marathon Trust trustees have been contacted to explain that there may be some problems complying with one of their acceptance clauses - that we begin work within 6 months due to the fact that we still have to agree the content of the letter inviting bids and seek bids from interested companies. Rob Waite from RBK has drafted a letter and is in the process of compiling a Gantt Chart (timetable of what needs to happen when) to be submitted at the same time. In addition we need to agree a format that will ensure that the future maintenance of the Play Areas are agreed and will be incorporated in to the costs. To this end, a proposal has been submitted to Kingston Town Committee seeking the allocation of funds that they hold from 'The Bill' ready for their April meeting. In addition to this, Sheila and Hilary Garner are charged with the task of assembling a group of families from the estates and asking their opinions on what residents would like.

**AFC Wimbledon training and match sessions / Fulham FCC Kickz** I have been in discussion with both of their groups. AFC seem to be struggling to encourage local along so we have extended out publicity to include the whole of Norbiton, We have also focussed more on local schools and youth groups within travelling distance of AFC. Talks with Jen Emeny are also in place to discuss ways that young women on the estate can be encourage participating

**Fit as a Fiddle** This is another joint project due to start on a second funded session Tuesdays in Piper Hall. Doreen has been in regular communication with Grace Shorthouse from Age UK . The scheme has proved to be very popular and I know that Doreen is very keen to find a way to continue with the sessions – we need to discuss this on Monday as we have funding for this second session but need to look at the possibility of CREst funding further courses independently.

**Royal Wedding Street Party** Please see report circulated earlier. We will give a brief update on this at the meeting.

**Gardening Project** . This has been a long running project which ran in to a number of snags at the beginning of 2011 due to communication issues. However, we are pleased that things now seem to be back on track with a meeting being held in Piper Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am where anyone who would like to get involved or even just learn more about the project is invited to attend. Hopefully involving those residents who wish to play an active part in the project with formalizing how it is run will eliminate any need for father misunderstandings. I have just had a brief meeting with Hilary Gander of TTK to confirm the broad objectives of the meeting and ,by the end of it we hope that there will be a small group of people who are willing to form a very basic organising committee who can then get to work planning a gardening schedule of times dates etc. I have told her that CREst are happy to support this in terms of administrative back up, supplying information to residents etc.

**Community Well Being Group** I attended the last meeting of this group on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Minutes have been circulated.

### **ESTATE MATTERS**

**Madingley Fire update - Gas supplies to surrounding blocks** – My thanks to Steven Brister whose help I have appreciated. It now seems that virtually all residents involved are now well on the

way to having gas supplies re-stored. However, I am currently drafting a report on this situation in the hope that it will help if such a situation arises in the future.

**Mayors Commendation** – 8 CREst members attended the Mayor's Reception on 7<sup>th</sup> March to receive a Mayors Commendation for our work during and after the Madingley Fire. Doreen went up to receive the Commendation on our behalf watched by Jenny, Mary, John, Mercy, Sheila, David and myself. The event gave us the opportunity to speak with a number of people including Lean, the Charities Officer at John Lewis. I was at last able to thank her for their kindness and support last July. I was grateful to be able to spend some time chatting with Ray and Cynn Brown from CRERA. Cynn had worked on the Royal Wedding Working Party with us so I was glad of the chance to resume friendly contact following the events of last week.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

**Newsletter** - We have identified a couple of possible funding sources which we will update you on at the meeting.

We are hoping that the April issue will include a chart showing residents what activities are going on where – be that sports, childcare or health-checks. Jenny, Doreen and I have met since our last meeting to begin working on this, a huge project but worth the effort. If you know of any local project that you would like included please let us have the details by Friday next.

**Training etc** – On 24<sup>th</sup> February, Doreen and I attended the first of a 2 day 'Outcomes' training course. This has been subsidised by KVA. Neither of us found it too easy – especially as our homework includes explaining it to you! We have a second day to survive and we are secretly concerned that we may be expelled!

In addition to this you will have all received a list of the KVA Spring Training Programme. If there are any courses that you think would help you please let me know next Monday. Dor and I are booked to attend the 'Volunteers and the Law' session.

**CRERA/CREst joint protocol** - This initiative seems to have been overtaken by events. I expect that it will be discussed as part of Mary's agenda item.

**New CREst representatives.** – During the months since the fire, I have maintained contact with Mercy Bolus who is a health worker at the Hawks Road Clinic. I ensure that she is sent any information that may be of use and invite her to our events where possible. We were delighted to include her as part of the CREst delegation to the Mayor's Awards and I would like to invite her to attend our Community Group meetings – what do you think?

**AGM** Our next CREst meeting will be the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> April. We have drafted notices to go out around the estate by 18<sup>th</sup> March to fulfill our constitutional obligations but I would like to take that a little further this year. There has been a lot happening recently and we are slowly but surely increasing resident involvement. I am hoping that we can all put in that little extra bit of effort to encourage as many people as possible to attend our AGM so that we can make ourselves and our aims better known and encourage a few more people to help out with events such as the Fun Day, PlayScheme etc.

## **FUN DAY**

The Fun Day working party is already hard at work – the minutes from the first meeting have already been circulated. The event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August this year – we felt it may improve attendance if we move it in to the school holiday period. The booking forms have already been sent out and work has started booking entertainment, seeking raffle and tombola prizes and searching for additional funding. The draft accounts from last year's event are available for those who wish to have them. It looks as if we are very close to breaking even – a very encouraging sign. I repeat, though that these are draft accounts only and not for public consumption until they are agreed at the AGM.

## The Cambridge road Estates Play Scheme Working Group

### Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Present: Des Gordon (DG), Helen Terry(HT), Sheila Griffin(SG), Hilary Garner(HG), Rob Waite(RW), NighatTaimuri(NT), Jill Preston (JP), Dave Ryder-Mills (DRM)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Geraldine Burgess

2. **Notes of meeting 27/11/10** – agreed with the following comments

a) HT will delegate the consultation of 8-18 year olds to rob Waite who will send the consultation re schools **ACTION RW**

b) HT will e-mail re Parkour **ACTION HT**

c) Site visits remain to be organised

d) The meeting expressed concern re the small number of residents reps present.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Terms of reference – these were now complete

b) Membership – The core and Support group had been set up. HG to be added to the core group also Martha Early of ECET should be on the core group.

Consideration to be given to alternating between daytime and evening meetings to encourage attendance by more residents; this should be a resident led project.

c)Tender document circulated by DG. Need to appoint project leader by tender, but 10% of the budget was too high a figure. RW to check re the tendering for the actual work **ACTION RW**

DRM to find out re scale of planning application fees **ACTION DRM**

DG noted that the land would still be in the ownership of RBK. This allowed for insurance, health and safety issues and maintenance to be covered by RBK, but details would be needed to establish if a premium was applicable.

HG advised on ongoing replacement grants. A management body needed to be kept to oversee this. This needed to be in the handover arrangements

HG had had a conversation with Scott Herbertson , also Marie-Claire Edwards should be involved. There was a need to report to the Community Project and Play Partnership, SG agreed to be the rep.

4 **Funding**

a) For the use of the “Bill” money, a report had to be with DRM by 26/01/11 (*subsequently it appeared that the item had to be on the Kingston Town Neighbourhood Forward plan and therefore would have to come to a later meeting*) **ACTION DG**

b) DG gave details of timing of the Marathon Trust grant. The acceptance should be made by 17/03/11 with work to start by 19/06/11. Since this was too tight a schedule, we should apply for an extension giving reasons and with a potential flow chart building in adequate breathing space. This should be tied into the release of the money **ACTION DG/RW**

c) There was the possibility of future grants via Kingston town Neighbourhood and Rotary club.

5 **Administration of the group**

A new body was needed which should be a charity as it would eventually be in receipt of in excess of £1000. HG would advise, and the be the lead role in providing a suitably tweaked standard document. Suggestions for the membership of this body would include SG, JP, Susan Chandler, Tim Bell and HG (those not present would be approached). **ACTION HG**

In the short term, there was a need for a simple constitution as funds were coming via RBK.

6 **Any Other Business**

a) Site visits - HG and Sandie Barker would advise and priority would be given to the above group (item 5) to visit locations and obtain ideas. **ACTION HG**

b) Consultation – In addition to the above, (item 2a) presentations would be given to Searchlight and at the Fun Day. HT could run Parcourt Workshops. It was noted that we should make sure that girls views were included.

7 **Date of next meeting** – 17<sup>th</sup> February 13.30pm

**Community Wellbeing Group Meeting**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 2011**  
**6.30pm Hawkes Road Clinic ( DRAFT)**

**Present:**

Alan Griffiths ( CRERA) Tim Bell (CRERA) Varadakumar (CCD)  
Jill Preston (CREST) Rukhsana Hanjra (IRC) Pascale Kennedy (IRC)  
Nighat Taimuri (ECET/RBK) Jacqui McCann (Public Health/NHSK)

**Apologies:**

Mr Ali (Somali Community Association) Julia Metcalfe (Victim Support) Jonathon Wilkes (All Saints Church)

**1) Overview of Recent Events**

Nighat provided background and context to recent developments namely the meeting with Sylvie Yeo, Phil Tulba and Jo Gikuyu; invitation for CWG to become a sub group of the LIT; attend and present CWG terms of reference and aims to the Local Implementation Team led by Sylvie Yeo.

ECET emailed members of the CWG group and asked two representatives to come forward and represent the issues that have been highlighted by the group over the past year. Mr Vardakumar and Tim very kindly offered to deliver a presentation.

Mr Varadakumar and Time highlighted the voluntary sector provider perspective and the problems of mental health services for people living in the area of deprivation.

They also addressed stigma, communication needs, lack of joined up working and opportunities to mainstream mental health services,

They concluded by saying (setting the tone for future working relationship) that there needs to be stronger linkages and consolidate provision around counselling; stronger interface with local community resources and LA/NHS led provision and address mental health needs of those living in housing estates.

Peter Nash from South West London St Georges and Sylvie Yeo/Adrian Davey kindly offered £10,000 to the CWG to enable it to meet its aims and inform future involvement in the design and delivery of mental health services. The LIT were pleased to have the chance to hear about issues facing the community members you know about, and personally touched by it also.

**2) Identifying outcomes**

Sylvie Yeo was interested in the outcomes of the grant. This is a good as an outcomes approach gives everybody a focus.

To decide on how to spend this we need to focus on outcomes we would all like to see as we are all having different priorities. For some is co-designing, influencing or delivering.

£10,000 can be used to make some short term changes but we now have a relationship to strengthen links and draw in more money.

Nighat suggested outcomes under the following categories and asked if any more categories were needed.

For the user  
For voluntary organisations  
For your community  
For the Community Wellbeing group

The group brainstormed on outcomes under the following categories and identified activities under each outcome (these were short term as well as long term activities/engagement)

(please see outcomes table under separate cover)

At this stage it was unclear how much each group would get. This would depend on the number of groups applying and the budget breakdown.

As a starting point the grant should be made to current stakeholders on the email list and those who have been engaged through the process as some representatives were unable to attend the meeting. There would be more opportunities for people to join the group and access any future grants. This was agreed to retain the momentum and prevent delays.

Nighat to type these up and get agreement from the group before sending to Sylvie Yeo/Adrian Davey and Peter Nash for the official go ahead. They are very keen to meet up with the group to discuss outcomes. A meeting would be arranged to discuss the proposed activities and outcomes.

Nighat noted Jill's concern about the pace of the developments. NT advised that this was necessary to meet the timescale and expectations of Sylvie Yeo and Adrian Davey who are very keen to move things along quickly.

**3) Administration of the grant**

This would be discussed with Sylvie Yeo. ECET were happy to administer the grant on her behalf.

**4) CWG representation at LIT meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Hollyfield Road offices. This would need to be confirmed. Rukhsana kindly offered to attend on this occasion. NT would feedback that this meeting had taken place and that the groups had identified outcomes.

**5) Any other business.**

None