

**Minutes of the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group Meeting
Held at 6pm on 11th July 2011 at Tadlow**

Present:	Jill Preston (JP)	Chair	Steven Brister	RBK Cllr
	Sheila Griffin (SG)	Member	Jenny Pitt (JennyP)	Member
	Maria Turner (MT)	Support	Mary Graham [MG]	Member
	James Reynolds (JR)	Kingston Uni Drama Dept	Mike England [ME]	RBK Head of Housing
	Doreen Gardiner [DG]	Vice Chair	Marilyn Mason	Euphonix Choir
	Denise Parry [DP]	ECET	Des Gordon [DesG]	RBK RPT
	David Ryder Mills [DRM]	RBK Cllr		
Apologies	Fran Pullen	Member	Jill Darling (JD)	Support
	Penny Shelton (PS)	RBK Cllr	Ben Styles	Safer Neighbourhood

		ACTION
1.	<p>JP opened the meeting and apologies were given.</p> <p>TO AGREE MINUTES OF 16th May 2011 These were agreed.</p>	
2.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM MIKE ENGLAND, HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICES</u></p> <p>ME reported that RBK are 2 weeks into a Strategic Consultation where they are seeking views from across the borough - from Council Tenants and leaseholders and also private homes. He went on to say that this is because RBK are committed to a deadline of 2016 to update their properties so that they conform with the 'Better Homes' housing standard.</p> <p>They are reviewing the works being done on the CRE and will consult with the 'Norbiton First' project. ME then explained about the survey that is being sent to all residents which must be completed by 14th August (this will be sent in CREst's Newsletter) There is also a link to it on RBK's website.</p> <p>MG asked if the consultation will include houseboats!</p>	
3.	<p><u>DISCUSSION WITH JIM REYNOLDS ABOUT KINGSTON UNIVERSITY DRAMA GROUP</u></p> <p>JR explained that he is in charge of Kingston Uni's drama dept and he is trying to build bridges with the local community and encourage residents to take an interest in drama , dance and the arts in general and therefore improve quality of life. He asked that we consider this in relation to CRE residents and contact him if we feel there are any opportunities for working together.</p> <p>JP explained that there is currently a project for young girls running in Piper Hall (Kickz) which is due to finish – it may be possible to try and fill that void. JR stated that it would be preferable to 'commission' a set amount of time for his students (who are CRB checked) It was agreed that SG will liaise with JR for the future.</p>	SG
4.	<p><u>UPDATE ON EUPHONIX CHOIR FROM MARILYN MASON</u></p> <p>MM reported that there are now 12 members of the choir but she feels that the choir as it stands is not viable as only 10 turn up and the donations does not cover their costs. Those present outlined ways which could assist with recruiting new members and suggested projects where residents could be tempted to join – such as a possible performance in September. MM agreed to email a copy of an information leaflet highlighting their summer activities which will be distributed around the estate. Jenny P agreed to act as liaison.</p>	JPitt

<p>9.</p> <p>10.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>to cover the Gardening Project. Those present expressed concern as to whether our insurance policy covers them at all if there is not a CREst member present. MG agreed to look in to this and liaise with CRED</p> <p><u>TRAINING UPDATE</u></p> <p>Charity application – JP reported that the application is being done ‘on-line’ .Committee members were asked to sign the revised Constitution and Application ready to be forwarded to the Charity Commission - once this has gone it will take approximately 10 days until we hear anything.</p> <p><u>NEWSLETTER.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Funding - MG is applying for funding in earnest now that we have applied to become a Charity. She also stated that we need to start looking into sponsorship b) Sponsorship - Jenny P suggested that we may be able to recoup some Newsletter costs by seeking sponsorship from local businesses. She handed round a draft advertising sheet for future discussion <p>EVENTS & ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fun Day – Plans for this are ongoing. The current Action Plan was circulated for all CREst members. Everyone was urged to seek as many raffle and tombola prizes as possible b) Summer Live event - DG and JP reported in confidence that our involvement in this has ceased. c) 2011 Gala – DG reported that this will be held on 12th December in Kingsmeadow from 4 – 7pm. Entertainer will be Charley Farley <p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 8th August in Tadlow</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>JP</p> <p>MG JenP</p> <p>JP/DG</p>
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