

**Minutes of the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group Meeting
Held at 6pm on 12th September 2011 at Tadlow**

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| Present: | Jill Preston (JP) | Chair | Doreen Gardiner (DG) | Secretary |
| | Sheila Griffin (SG) | Member | Jenny Pitt (JennyP) | Member |
| | Alma White (AW) | Support | Mary Graham [MG] | Member |
| | Veronica Storey (VS) | Member | Shirley Piowtrowski (SP) | NHS Kingston |
| | | RBK Family Learning | Raj Shinji (RS) | Enjoy a Ball |
| | Nathan Isom (NI) | YMCA Surbiton | Brendan & Joan | Mind Service users |
| Apologies | Sheila Griffin (SG) | Member | Steven Brister | RBK Councillor |
| | Penny Shelton (PS) | RBK Cllr | Maria Turner (MT) | |

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| 1. | <p><u>APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all guests. Apologies were given</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 8th August were agreed</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>MATTERS ARISING:</u></p> <p>a) Family Learning Event – VS asked if she could attend CRest meetings on a more regular basis. This was agreed with thanks. She then went on to report that the 15th October Family Learning Event (FLE) is part of an event held every October. VS is working closely with local schools but felt it would be good to hold an event on the CRE. CRest have advertised this event in the Newsletter due in early October and VS will distribute posters locally and to schools. CRest agreed to organise the refreshments for 15th October</p> <p>b) Play Scheme – There has been no meeting since July. JP has been in contact with HG and HT as to the need to hold a meeting where ToR can be confirmed and actions agreed to move this project on.</p> <p>c) Norbiton First - At the ‘Big Count’ meeting held on 23rd August only 100 responses had been received from Norbiton residents and users. JP and DG stated that they are concerned these results do not properly reflect the views of all Norbiton residents which JP has both written and spoken to ME about. ME has stated her intention to present these results to the Strategic Partnership meeting held that day (12th September)</p> <p>d) Euphonix Choir – JPitt reported that 21 people have currently signed up to attend from CRE and surrounding areas.</p> <p>e) Drama Group - C/fwd in SG’s absence</p> <p>f) Community Wellbeing Group update - Brendan and Joan , service users from the now closed Roselands' drop in reported that they have started a weekly drop-in on Tuesdays in Piper Hall from 10 – Noon. At present they are funding this out of their own pocket. It was agreed that CRest will donate £100 to this project and work with them to arrange more long term financial support. MG offered to do this. It was also agreed that JP will raise this at the next CWBG meeting in an effort to secure help and support from the ECET team</p> | <p>VS CRest</p> <p>SG</p> <p>MG JP</p> |

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| 4. | <p><u>TO DISCUSS ENJOY A BALL WITH RAJ SHINJI</u></p> <p>Raj stated that he would like to hold pre-school and year one classes on a regular basis. This will help the children to interact with different cultures and learn discipline. Parents would need to be present. He would hope to expand to other ages if successful. He asked if it would be possible for CREst to subsidise the cost. It was agreed that RS would research hall availability and draft a proposal ready for the October meeting.</p> | RS |
| 5 | <p><u>DISCUSSION WITH SHIRLEY PIOTROWSKI CONCERNING YOUTH ACTIVITIES.</u></p> <p>SP stated that she is trying to promote fitness and physical activity projects for adults and children in and around CRE including junior programmes and adult exercise sessions such as running, walking and cycling</p> <p>As an example, SP is working in partnership with RBK and schools to provide cycle training for marginalised groups. This would cost £2 per hour per person. It was agreed that if suitable funding can be obtained CREst would be happy to work in partnership so long as the project was available to all residents. NI from YMCA stated that the total cost of a 6 week course such as this was £1400 – although this cost could be reduced if CREst booked Piper Hall and worked in partnership . Nathan agreed to research revised costings and report back</p> <p>JPitt stated that there seems to be a large gap in the provision of affordable dance and drama activities for girls. VS suggested that there may be a way for Family Learning to become involved in this project and assist with the funding. VS and SP agreed to meet after this meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Family Learning event would be an ideal opportunity to conduct a survey asking residents about the kind of activities that are likely to attract support</p> <p><u>HOUSING REPORT</u></p> <p>a) Site inspections – CC has reported that site inspections have temporarily ceased due to lack of staff.</p> <p>b) Fire Fund report – JP submitted the draft of a letter being sent to all Madingley Residents from the Trustees asking how they would like the surplus of the Fire Fund to be spent.</p> <p>c) Piper Hall - DG reported that glass had been found in Piper Hall during ‘Enjoy a Ball.’ This had been reported to SMC who has resolved the incident..</p> | VS/SP JP |
| 6. | <p><u>FIX MY TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>C/fwd</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>CHAIRS REPORT</u></p> <p>The Chairs report had been circulated before the meeting , no issues were raised at the meeting</p> | |
| 9. | <p><u>ACCOUNTS</u></p> <p>These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions. JP has been in touch with KVC seeking a replacement Treasurer</p> | |
| 10 | <p><u>CHARITY REGISTRATION UPDATE</u></p> <p>JP reported that the Charity Commission had advised that there is a need to simplify the Objectives of the Group and suggested a few alternatives. These had been previously</p> | DG |

circulated to CRES members and it was agreed that an EGM be called for 10th October where the amended Constitution can be formally adopted.

NEWSLETTER FUNDING

MG has received positive feedback concerning this as soon as we become a registered Charity. In the meantime £800 has been made available to pay for the October 2011 issue. JPitt reported that she and DG had met with Wafiq, a young man who is keen to become involved in the media side of CRES's work.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- a) **Fun Day** - This attracted a good turnout but the rain meant that we had no choice but to close at 2.45pm for Health & Safety reasons. Organising the event for 2011 had been a challenge but much has been learned which will benefit us in 2012. It was felt that volunteers had coped well with the event set up despite the fact that Mears and S & B were no longer offering support. A debrief meeting is being organised for the end of September and then the planning and responsibilities for the 2012 will then begin. It was agreed that residents will be encouraged to assist on whatever level they find comfortable.
- b) **Summer Activities** - DG reported that the Coach trips were well attended with 3 coaches being filled – 45 residents per trip. She thanked GB for driving one of the buses for each trip – as the RBK RP Team are no longer in a position to be involved in these projects we have needed to locate drivers through RaKAT. Although this incurs extra costs it has been felt worth it as the trips are enjoyed by everyone who goes on them.
- c) **Half Term Horrors** - This event is being held in QMH from 2-4pm on 25th October. Charley Farley has been booked to entertain.
- d) **Gala** - 11th December in Kingsmeadow from 4 – 7pm. Entertainer will be Charley Farley and AFC will again provide a buffet and soft drinks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

10TH October. EGM at 6pm followed by CRES Committee meeting.

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