



## **JUNE 2012 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this report, and the fact that it is likely to be brief. As you are all aware, there has been a lot happening which has left little time for reports ( or pretty much anything else! )

### **1. ONE NORBITON WORKING TOGETHER [ONWT] PROJECT**

As I am sure you know the public meeting for the One Norbiton project takes place tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> June at Kingsmeadow. Thanks to all of you for the help and support given whilst we have been working on promoting this meeting - especially the last minute deliveries this week.

We are hoping that all of the hard work will pay off tomorrow and we will update those of you unable to attend on Monday evening at our meeting.

The response to the requests for Norbiton residents to form part of a Consultancy Panel has also been quite encouraging given the inertia that tends to be predominant with resident consultations - although half of them are thanks to Dr Mike knocking on doors and getting the forms completed then and there - proof, if it were ever needed that 'Knock and Drop' is effective. That or the fact that at least half of them are ex patients of his!

The key progress points with the project are that all sub groups have now drafted an Action Plan which was submitted to the Community Working Group [CWG] at the May meeting. Also at the May meeting, the CWG decided by majority vote to stop the practise of a revolving Chair and elect a static Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary. Dr Mike was elected as Chair, a lady called Kamala Kugan became Deputy and I was elected Secretary. It is hoped that this will provide some stability and that having a static Chair will smooth out some of the current conflicts.

Finally, as Sub Group Chair of the Finance and Admin Group I can report that we have held a very informative meeting with Hilary and Zahida at KVA to make a start on the Constitution and also finally met with Dean Tyler (RBK Project Manager,) and Al Mawji ( RBK Finance) By 'we' a mean myself and fellow sub group members Cllr Steven Brister and Dr Mike. I think that it has been acknowledged by all that the next logical step has to be adopting a Constitution. Until this has been done we have no ability to set up a bank account and thus no easy access to funds.

### **2. ESTATE MATTERS**

- a) **Play Scheme** - As reported at our last meeting, Proludic have been appointed as the contractors for the Play and Recreation project. The next very important stage for this project is to consult with residents. As a start, a draft of Hall what Proludic can provide was delivered to every household on the CRE's in our last Newsletter. In addition we have planned two resident consultation events for the coming month. One on 18<sup>th</sup> June from 3-6pm in Piper Hall and the other on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2 - 4pm in Queen Mary's Hall. Once these have been achieved we can hopefully make a start on the construction plans at last!
- b) **Safer Neighbourhood update** - There is a Panel meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June in Queen Mary's Hall. As part of the One Norbiton 'knock and drop', Mike and I had the chance to speak with a variety of CRE residents and it became very apparent that the problems at Brinkley are far from

over. We heard reports of not only dealing and drug taking but also of the accompanying anti - social behaviour. In some instances this has been so bad that residents are very reluctant to leave the safety of their flats. I am hoping that this is an item that can be discussed again with the police and housing to look at how we can work together to resolve the matter.

### 3. TRAINING

At the last meeting we agreed that we should arrange more Governance training with Sanja as a follow on from the session held in April. It would be helpful if you could take a look in your diaries to determine a couple of convenient dates that we can approach Sanja with.

### 4. FINANCE AND ADMIN

As part of our administration commitments to the Charity Commission we need to complete a Trustees Return to reflect that changes made at our AGM last month. These need to be signed by you all so I will bring them with me on Monday.

### 5. EVENTS

**Zumba and Salsa** - Following our discussions at the last meeting, both of these classes are now going ahead in Piper Hall on Thursday afternoons.

**Enjoy a Ball** - Raj has been booked and Piper Hall confirmed so there will be weekly Enjoy a Ball session for CRE youngsters from 5 - 9 years during the summer holidays.

**Coach Trips** - Again both of these trips have proved to be very popular - so much so that Doreen has had to arrange for a fourth coach.

**Cook and Eat** - Veronica Storey has been working to ensure that these sessions will go ahead. An update will be received on Monday

**Garage Sales** - We are still struggling to find a weekend that we are free and it is not pouring with rain to clear out the garage ready for these - what this space!

### 6. FUN DAY

Plans for the 2012 event on 8<sup>th</sup> September are well in hand. Now that the budget has been agreed we have booked the entertainers, Fun Fair and Charley Farley. In addition to this the booking forms have been sent out and we have already received quite a few back.

Our next task is to secure prizes for both the Raffle and the Tombola. Doreen and I are sending out the usual 'begging letters' but it would be very much appreciated if you could Seize and likely opportunities to secure items, please.

### 7. COMMUNITY SHOP

I am pleased to announce that the Community Shop is once again open for business. This is an item on our agenda and I would like to discuss ways that we can ensure that community facility such as this is made full use of in the future. We have already booked it several One Norbiton sub group meetings and hope to continue to do so. All ideas would be welcome.