



DECEMBER 2012 CHAIR'S REPORT

1. ONE NORBITON WORKING TOGETHER PROJECT

As I mentioned in my report last month, there was a Public Meeting held on 13th November in Piper Hall. This was split in to 2 parts. The first part was an Inaugural AGM for the new 'One Norbiton' company. It was a relatively well attended meeting given that it was a winters evening - 37 people showed up including officers from KVA, RBK and the Comet. I have attached a copy of the agenda for your information. All those nominated were duly elected at the meeting and Mike, Peter and myself were nominated as bank signatories.

The second part of the meeting was effectively a normal Community Working Group meeting. We were lucky that several new residents chose to stay following the AGM and take part. This will hopefully generate a few more volunteers. Gillian Hall gave a Power-point presentation on Youth Services (attached) to start the meeting. Further down the agenda it was confirmed that the newly reconfigured Housing, Neighbourhood and Environment sub group had a meeting on 29th November - this being one of the few dates that Simon Oelman could attend on. An invitation was extended to all One Norbiton contacts to attend if they wished and a draft agenda was available.

Apart from the public meeting there has been a flurry of meetings held covering a range of subjects. This includes meetings with Kingston University to discuss how best to tackle 'spend mapping' across Norbiton, another with a different University department to talk about community engagement and discuss our views on how the project has been going so far. Another such meeting falls within CREst's sphere and that was with Harry Hall, Mike and I [CREst/One Norbiton] plus Mary Graham and Jo from 'Save the World'. This was to discuss the Surrey Sports Centre and look at how best to progress plans to refurbish the facility. I am hoping that Mary will be able to update you further at our meeting.

Office - As I mentioned to you at the last meeting, it is looking very likely that CREst will be moving to larger premises in the Spring. The proposed location is the old laundry on Cambridge Gardens. I will update you more as details are agreed.

2. ESTATE MATTERS

a) **Public meeting to discuss £75k environmental grant** - CRERA called this to consult with CRE residents about what they consider to be priorities. Simon Oelman was there also to give an update about the 'Better Homes' project. Other than Simon and CRERA, Mike , Doreen and I were the only other attendees.

Tim Bell explained that this funding had been made available to improve the environment of CRE and that Simon had requested that residents be consulted to find out how they would like the money spent. For reasons beyond their control, CRERA had not managed to do this. However, through this meeting and by working in partnership with CREst and One Norbiton it was hoped that resident consultation can be carried out by December so that Simon has an idea how residents would like the money spent.

The meeting then split in to 2 groups to come up with some ideas for this. Before this started Simon explained that he had already allocated some of the funds to improve the rosebuds throughout the estate

Feedback:

Group 1: **Simon**, Harry, Doreen, Jill and Sonja

- a) Replace trees that have died
- b) Repair the fences with either new fencing of hedges - (consult re height preferred)
- c) Repair fencing on Madingley Green - perhaps by alternating planters and fencing. In addition it was suggested that a 'goal' be created on the fence where the youngsters already play football.
- d) Improve signage around the estate
- e) Create maps for lifts showing where next available lift is in case of breakdown (including who to contact etc.)
- f) Plant bulbs/wildflowers
- g) More litter bins
- h) Create a 'Welcome to the Estate' at main entrances

Group 2: **Ray**, Cyn, Claudia, John, Alan and Paul

- a) As above but with additional request to take down some old trees and replace with more younger ones
- b) As above
- c) As above but without goal posts
- d) As above
- e) Create a herb garden
- f) Florescent signage
- g) More dog bins

Following the feedback session it was agreed that all three groups join forces to door knock and directly consult residents. The above list would form the basis of the survey. As CRERA are leading on this project, TB agreed to circulate a draft text including the current suggestions by the end of the week for comment.[23.11.12] This will include logos from RBK, One Norbiton, CRERA and CREst. From here plans would be made as to who covers what areas. The deadline for this is end December.

b) Site inspections - There is growing concern about the condition of both estates. Doreen and I visited Cambridge Gardens two weeks ago to take pictures of some of the problem areas - these were shown to Alan Hardwick. The need for an evening inspection to check lighting is now urgent so I am hoping that an actual date can be set at the meeting.

3. CRE PLAY-SCHEME

The CREPS Working Party met last Monday to finalise plans for the installation and then to walk around the estate to view the equipment installed to date. The current date for 'handover' is 10th December although this may vary a little if the weather worsens.

There have been the inevitable complaints from residents about the play areas - specifically from Burritt Road residents who have signed a petition and claim that they have never been consulted about this. A response is currently being drafted by Des highlighting the number of consultations and public meetings that have taken place.

4. ACCOUNTS

There are no accounts updates this month.

5. EVENTS

- a) **Drama Group** - I have attached below the latest email from Jim who remains very keen to arrange for a project after Christmas. This is an agenda item for the meeting

Sheila has been in touch – and she says that you're looking to do a mural! I could try and put you in touch with someone in the Faculty of Art and Design and Architecture, or are you looking to build the creation of this into some kind of drama based project?

It sounds very exciting – I haven't had much luck getting in touch with you recently so I've been wondering if you've been too busy to think about taking on more coordination? I'm still very much like to get a group of Drama students working on the estate next semester, on this or another project.

b) Gala 9th December- Plans for this are now well in hand. Given our experience at the Half Term Event it would be great to see as many of you as possible at the event! Also, we are still on the scrounge for raffle prizes so if you have any 'unwanted' bits and pieces please get in touch with Dor. Thanks

c) Mince Pie Munch/Tree Lighting - 19th December .I am sure that it will come as no great surprise to learn that yet again we seem to be chasing our tree half way round the country! Fingers crossed everything is now on course for our event. I will bring some invitation leaflets with me to the meeting - feel free to invite those who you think might like to come.

d) 'Let's Face the MS and dance' I have recently been contacted by Vicky Frayard about the possibility of running dance classes for MS sufferers (see copy below) I have checked and the hall is free for the periods when the project is planned to run. In addition I have been in touch with Vicky about working together on this project and either she or a colleague plan to attend our meeting to discuss things further.

I am contacting you in regards to the possibility of using Piper Hall on an in-kind basis to run community dance classes for MS sufferers in January 2013. I have previously been involved with community dance classes at Piper Hall during a project lead by Kingston Council and YMCA London South West to engage residents of Cambridge Road estate with dance and fitness classes. The project was a great success and achieved fantastic levels of community engagement.

I have copied into this email Nikki Watson who is the project coordinator and facilitator of 'Let's face the MS and Dance' which was originally a 10 week project during the summer of 2012 supported by Big Dance and University of Roehampton. The aim was to engage people with MS in exercises which benefited factors that MS effects such as balance, coordination and memory. She was working with the local MS Society to assist in the recruitment of participants, namely Caroline Keenan from MS Society North Surrey which covers Kingston and Epsom, and Liz Wilkinson who is based at Epsom Cottage Hospital. These classes were a fantastic success and culminated in a performance involving the participants at Michaelis Theatre, Roehampton.

However, the original funding has now expired and as a result, the project is no longer able to run. There is still great need and desire for the dance classes to continue under Nikki's direction and expertise which is where we are hoping that you can help us. We require the use of an accessible space in Kingston for the classes to continue and Piper Hall would be perfect. We are looking to run the classes on Sunday afternoons (time TBC) for 15 weeks between January and April 2013. We would be working with the local MS Society and Kingston Hospital to recruit participants, with particular emphasis on engaging residents of the Cambridge Road estate affected by MS. The classes would be free for participants to attend and would build on the success of the previous project.

I hope that this is something that you might be interested in as it would be of significant benefit to the local community affected by MS. Please do not hesitate to contact myself in regards to the project or for more detailed information, contact Nikki directly on

Many thanks in advance,

Vicky Frayard

e) **Community Connected** - I have met up with Kate from Superhighways a couple of times since she attended our last meeting and she is very keen to start planning some of her proposed projects, such as the heritage one.

6. DATES FOR 2013

As agreed, I have provisionally planned our key meetings and events for next year and attach a copy with this report. Please take a look and let me know if the dates are convenient before we book meeting rooms. Many thanks



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THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ONE NORBITON BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY,
13TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT 6.30pm THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PIPER HALL, PIPER
ROAD KT1 3EX

AGENDA [A]

1. Apologies and introductions

2. To Elect officers of 'One Norbiton'

Nominations have been received for the following positions and the nominees have agreed to stand:

Chair: Dr Michael D'Souza
Nominated by: Sheila Griffin Seconded by: Ed Naylor

Vice Chair: Harry Hall
Nominated by: Dr Michael D'Souza Seconded by : Jill

Preston

Secretary: Jill Preston
Nominated by: Ed Naylor Seconded by: Sheila

Griffin

Treasurer: No nominations received:

3. To elect Directors of 'One Norbiton':

Nominations have been received for the following nominees who have agreed to stand:

John Hall, Peter Jeens, Elaine Kennedy, Davinder Lail.

4. To agree signatories for One Norbiton Company Bank account.

5. Any other business.

