Minutes of the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group Meeting Held at 6pm on 9th January 2012 in Queen Mary's Hall

Present: Jill Preston (JP) Chair Doreen Gardiner [DG] Secretary

Alma White **(AW)** Member Brendan Mental Health Drop in

Penny Shelton (PS) RBK Cllr Mary Graham (MG) Member David Ryder-Mills (DRM) RBK Cllr Jenny Pitt (JenP) Member Kayhan Nouri-Aria (KN) Member Sheila Griffin (SG) Member

Veronica Storey (VS) RBK Adult Learning PCSO Hooper Safer Neighbourhood

PC Kinnhair (PCK) Safer Neighbourhood

ApologiesMaria TunmerKVAJill DarlingRBK Vol services

1. APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all guests. Apologies were given

2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th December 2011

The minutes of the meeting of were agreed

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) Play Scheme The 'Knock & Drop' exercise is still ongoing. It was reported that the contract between Quadron and the Play Scheme Working Group has been drafted. DRM expressed concern that money from 'The Bill' account appears to have been used as working capital when in fact it should be kept in reserve for future maintenance.
- b) **Norbiton First** This project is ongoing. Concern was expressed by those involved in the 'One Norbiton' project that funding strands allocated to the project seem to have been decided before they are even put before the Community Working Group (CWG)

DRM

c) Cook and Eat – Following the December meeting it was agreed with Harman Gill for her to provide greater detail regarding what is required, funding and equipment supplies. This has not been received, making it hard for the group to make an informed decision. VS asked if the funding was being provided from Family Learning of the PCT and if it was for parents and 'under 5's' or for older children to participate. For lack of answers it was agreed that VS will pursue with HG.

HG VS

- d) Community Wellbeing Group update Brendan reported that 5 people now attend the 'Mental Health drop-in'. He has received an apology for the posters being removed and JenP has agreed to print more put them up. There is also an item in the forthcoming Newsletter. JP explained that there has been a suggestion that 'Mental Health First Aid' training be offered to Community Wellbeing Group volunteers. The courses are intensive 5 day sessions costing almost £2000 and would require the trainees to then train others in the subject. Following a general discussion it was agreed that CREst Trustees would be reluctant to participate with this as it was felt that Mental Health was a matter best left to qualified practitioners. This was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
- e) Building Bridges There was no report as nothing appears to have happened

4. **ESTATE MATTERS**

a) Safer Neighbourhood – JP commented on the ASB diaries and accompanying information to be handed to residents as a result of the recent meeting concerning Youths Gathering on the CRE. Concern was expressed that residents were not told that the 101 number incurred a 15p charge. PCSO Hooper told the group that before Christmas there had been a Section 60 Stop & Search' for weapons and 20 people were arrested. The SNT reported that they are watching Brinkley on a daily basis and report no further problems. PCK stated that CRE and Cambridge Gardens were being treated as a priority at the moment. The SNT were questioned about the whereabouts of the 2 bicycles that had been donated. PCK explained that these were unusable at present as SNT Officers do not have the correct safety equipment or the funds to purchase any. He agreed to research the price of this equipment so that the bikes can be put back in to

PCK

use.

SG reported that she had recently visited the CCTV control room in the Guildhall. She suggested that if we would like to visit from Mr Lascelle we need to request this via RBK. It was agreed that the SNT will provide an updated list of camera numbers so that when calling 0208 721 2000 a request can be made to turn a specific camera

PCK

b) Communal Ariel/Digital switchover. JP reported that the communal Ariel serving Comberton and Fulbourne had failed on Christmas Eve. Attempts to get this repaired failed as the emergency service stated that this was not considered to be an emergency. This has since been brought to the attention of Simon Oelman who has agreed that the service contact be altered to change this for the future. There were also discussions concerning the forthcoming digital switchover. DRM agreed to look in to this on behalf of the group.

DRM

c) Gardening Group - MG reported that a request had been made from CRED to CREst asking if we could hold money on their behalf. It was agreed that as a Charity CREst could not be in possession of funds that we do not have full control of. MG agreed to contact CRED and explain this.

MG

d) Site Inspections - CREst have been informed that there will be no site inspections for the moment due to shortage of RBK Housing staff.

5 **CHAIRS REPORT**

The Chairs report had been circulated before the meeting. The group discussed in more detail the meeting held with Edward Davey MP. This had been very encouraging with key points for the future such as Credit Unions, bulk purchase of power, home insurance and setting up a food co-op. Once again Mr Davey had expressed his admiration for CREst and the work we are doing, encouraging us to maintain a dialogue with him in the future.

6 ACCOUNTS

These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and included a detailed breakdown of the there were no questions.

KN JP

KN agreed to research the possibility of changing to a more lucrative bank account JP will contact Lorraine Shale to ask if she is prepared to audit our accounts once again

7. TRAINING UPDATES

It was agreed that Sanja Kane from KVA be contacted to arrange for a briefing regarding Charitable Organisations and the responsibility of trustees.

JP

8. **NEWSLETTER**

JenP reported that Helen from RBK has been made redundant. Therefore in future she will be dealing with this on her own.

9. **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

- a) Gala This had been very successful and we have once again broken even. DG reported that we are due to meet with their representative in the near future as they are keen to become more actively involved on the CRE.
- b) Mince Pie Munch This had gone very well with £12 being made on the Raffle.
- c) Coach Trips DG raised the matter of pricing and eligibility for Coach Trip tickets. It was agreed that this needs to be debated in greater depth and will therefore be an item on the next agenda.

DG/JP

d) Plans for 2012 – JP circulated this with a request for extra details to be provided by members

DG

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 13th February 2012 6pm. Queen Mary's Hall

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