

## **JAUARY 2012 CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### 1. ONE NORBITON WORKING TOGETHER PROJECT

December 6<sup>th</sup> saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Working Group (CWG) meeting. This time it was Chaired by Rashid Laher with Tim Bell as minute scribe. We have yet to receive any paperwork for the meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> January so I am unable to supply draft minutes from the December meeting. At present all I am able to do is provide a brief, unconfirmed resume of the meeting as I viewed it.

Rashid was Chair for this meeting with Tim Bell as note taker. Davinder Lail was talked in to acting as note taker for January.

The meeting was long - lasting some 3 plus hours. It had little form so I will restrict this report to just those matters that moved the project forward in some way:-



Dr Mike gave a Powerpoint Presentation with suggestions of how ONWT could fully interact and consult with Norbiton residents which I circulated last December. It was felt that they key to moving forwards is to contact Norbiton residents and brief them about the project. There was a suggestion that this could be done by including information with a letter scheduled to be sent to all RBK residents in the Spring. The other key discussion cantered around how the priority sub committees would function, who would sit on each and what they ought to be. You will know from previous correspondence that we have a Police and Safety Group, Housing and Youth Activities in the pipeline. It was also felt that there needed to be urgent thought given to creating the priority group tasked with community engagement (letting people know what is happening and asking their opinions) The final group that needs to be given fast attention is one to look at Finance and Admin as we are currently dealing with the funding which is either provided or possible on an ad hoc basis that few found acceptable. I also asked if it would be possible for all three groups to meet together but I have not yet heard of any plans for this. I have attached a draft structure to remind you how the project is hoping to operate.

With any luck we shall receive the paperwork for the 11<sup>th</sup> January meeting by Monday so that we can talk further once the minutes and next agenda are in evidence.

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#### **ESTATE MATTERS**

Youths on the Estate - This has continued to be a problem. As agreed at the last meeting we have produced a news sheet for residents including an 'Anti-Social Behaviour' (ASB) diary which they can complete and hand to us or Tadlow if they feel worried about direct contact with the police. As you will read in the minutes from the last Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting, Sheila , Alma and myself attended and asked what could be done to improve the situation. The key response seems to be that there needs to be a proper history of when there is trouble and where for the police to actively change their game plan. They have taken action a couple of times recently whereby the CRE was flooded with 6 or more officers - this resulted in several arrests, mainly for drugs. However, evidently there is no method for the police to record the number of reported incidents of ASB so making a case for more direct action may not be easy. We also asked what had become of the bicycles that were donated to the SNT to make policing the CRE more effective - we are informed that they are in the garage awaiting the time when equipment and training are available to Norbiton officers.

TV Aerials - Unfortunately the communal TV Arial serving Fulbourn and Comberton went down on Christmas Eve - this meant that those with no Freeview of Satellite hook up where without a TV reception over Christmas. I did call the emergency repair number but was informed that it was not deemed an emergency! However, discussions between Simon Oelman and Penny since then appear to have resulted in his agreeing that should this happen again it would be listed as an emergency. This leads us on to the matter of digital switchover in April. I wonder if we should ask exactly how this will be implemented and when.

Gas in Madingley - We have had one or two calls from Madingley residents who are anxious that they have not yet been connected with a gas supply - especially as the weather has turned colder. They have been supplied with electric heaters but as I know from experience last year these can be expensive to run.

# **CRE PLAY-SCHEME**

There is once again a CREPs meeting on the afternoon of our meeting. It was agreed that there needs to be a revision in the meeting reporting methods to ensure that the system is robust enough to withstand needless meddling. This has been drafted and sent to Helen Terry in readiness for the  $9^{th}$  January meeting.

We are at the end of the 'Knock and Drop' exercise which hopes to inform CRE residents about PlayScheme and seek their views. Interim results are expected for 9<sup>th</sup> January meeting [2pm in Tadlow]

However, due to inevitable delays the project plan has been revised and new deadlines agreed - this now means that it will be September before any actual play equipment is installed and probably December before installation is complete. Some of these timings will hinge on the length of time it takes to receive planning permission.

# 2. ACTIVITIES

- a) Future plans Once again we have plans to work in partnership with other agencies in order to provide a series of activities in the New Year. I have already circulated a draft schedule of events to you all and would be grateful if you could spare a minute or two to check the dates. We can then hopefully confirm a basic schedule on Monday
- b) Dancing and Music workshops These are now ongoing and are advertised in our January Newsletter.
- c) Drama Again, this is set and advertised in our January Newsletter
- d) Choir They were a triumph at the Mince Pie/ Tree event. We must highlight the need to improve on this celebration for following years
- e) Cook and Eat Justyna has kindly agreed to attend our meeting on Monday so that we can discuss the possibility of working together on a young person's 'Cook and Eat' course. I am very excited about the opportunity for a University scholar to work with us to achieve the best results of this project

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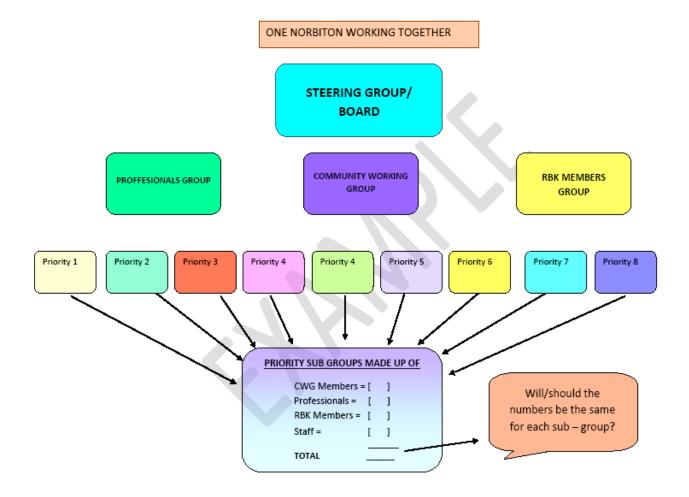
### 3. ACCOUNTS

A copy of the accounts by budget heading is circulated to CREst members with this report. Now that we have Christmas over Kayhan and I plan to sit down and concentrate on this.

Kingston Voluntary Action are looking to provide us with training on two levels - one will be accounts in general and the other for all of us and will be a basic overview of the roles responsibilities of Charity Trustees.

### 4. MEETING WITH EDWARD DAVEY MP

I am pleased to reveal that Doreen, Dr Mike and I met with Edward Davey MP this morning. He kindly dropped in to our office for a coffee and a chat and was very encouraging indeed. Ed has been a longstanding friend of CREst's and I know that he had been concerned that his increased workload meant he had been unable to support us as usual at events such as the Fun Day (I told him he had a narrow escape there!) We discussed a number of the issues which affect the CRE such as the One Norbiton project and the problems with young people gathering on the estate. On the plus side we also discussed a couple of very interesting possibilities for the future which I will fill you in on during the meeting on Monday.



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