



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

December 12th 2012, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee: Grant Scott (Chairman), Alan Cooke (Secretary/Treasurer), Roger Carter, Bill Duff, Betty Field, Roy Pennington, Nick Wood; Others: Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities)

1. Apologies: Peter Mustow (Neighbourhood Involvement Officer)
2. Minutes of Meetings October 10th and November 14th 2012: These were agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) City Housing Department Re-Organisation. Alan reported on his discussions with Nick Hibberd, who had since left Housing for Development. Eve Hitchens had returned to Lavender Street to be in charge of Nick Aldwinckle and other Neighbourhood Officers. It was noted that, in Peter's absence, there was no representative at the meeting from the Council who could give advice on any matters that arose or take forward any concerns.
 - b) Healthy Neighbourhood Fund. It was reported that the expectation of some £2,500 grant money was now dead, following the collapse of PeopleCan, although it is hoped that similar monies for 2013/2014 would be available in the Spring. So far, CVCA had spent some £300 of that money in producing the two recent copies of the Newsletter – this might not be recouped, although Amy would raise this with the Housing Office via Peter Mustow.
 - c) Expansion of CVCA Area. Amy and Nick had canvassed residents of The Causeway and Monument View to assess their interest in joining the Community Association and the LAT (but not the Tenants Association). There was great interest, and this will be advertised for discussion at the full meeting to be held on January 9th.
4. Correspondence: The latest edition of *Homing In* for Council tenants and leaseholders had been received.
5. Finance: Details of the accounts were given; they are still showing a healthy surplus. A cheque for £500 is awaited from the Council following the installation of a new door at The Little Vale.
6. Bids to Estate Development Budget Fund: Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the following bids should be made in January, subject to agreement at the full meeting on January 9th. In order of priority they were:
 - Kitchen equipment, including any electrical work (Note: CVCA has also applied to People's Health Trust for the cost of such works – their decision will be made before the EDB panel meets)

- Official road-sign for 'Jubilee Walk'
- Cycle racks in Craven Road
- Weed-suppressant liners and shingle for gardens in front of flats
- More block signs for Craven Road

It was decided not to progress requests for new carpet and chairs for the Vale CC this year, or to ask for goalposts for Parham Close without a detailed discussion with residents.

Alan would write to Gordon Stanford at Mears re concerns over implementation of the 2012/2013 EDB awards: payment for the door at the Little Vale; re-location of the stand-pipe at the Little Vale; re-ordering of the wash-basin and pipework in the Vale CC toilet; the late provision of bulbs for the November planting season.

7. Updates on current projects:

a) The Kitchen. The Little Vale re-ordering and re-decoration was almost complete, with only replacement windows and a telephone line to be installed.

b) The Diamond Jubilee Book. Meetings are being held every Monday at 11am in the Vale CC for those who wish to get involved, who have photographs and other memorabilia, or who wish to be interviewed for the book. The Lottery award has been received.

c) The Web-site. Grant will advertise a meeting early in the New Year for those who wish to get involved in setting up a community website for Craven Vale and Bakers Bottom. Amy and Nick had attended a one-day course on media training with regard to Facebook and Twitter.

d) The Friends of Craven Woods. Grant, Amy and Paul have arranged a meeting for January 23rd to discuss the various aspects of setting up a group. All are welcome to attend.

8. Any Other Business – Community Association

a) Roy asked that the Council be asked to move the waste bin away from the junction of Hendon Street and Sutherland Road – it is on a double yellow line and restricts visibility for exiting vehicles. The same concern affects the bin by Craven Place. These concerns should probably be sent to the appropriate Ward Councillors.

b) Roy also asked whether cycle racks could be placed by the Round Georges Public House to cater for the large number of parked cycles.

c) Roger asked whether a resident would be able to address the next meeting on the local impact of Government cuts. It was agreed not to have this as an Agenda item, but any resident could raise this as an item of AOB.

9. Any Other Business – Tenants Association: None

10. Any Other Business – Local Action Team: None

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm - the next meetings will be held at 7 pm on:

Wednesday **January 9th** (Full Meeting)

Wednesday **February 13th** (Committee Meeting)