



Minutes of Committee Meeting

November 9th 2013, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee: Alan Cooke, Bill Duff, Grant Scott, Nick Wood; Others: Jane White (Neighbourhood Involvement Officer), Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities), Ruth Sennett

1. Apologies: None
2. Minutes of Meetings September 11th and October 9th 2013: These were agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) A quick-bid for up to £500 of EDB funds was submitted to Jane for the replacement of the external notice board at the Vale Community Centre
 - b) Grant reported on the initial planting of 600 wild flower plants along Queensway and announced that the next session will be at 2pm on Monday November 18th
4. Correspondence: All residents are invited to the next meeting of the City Assembly, to be held in Moulsecomb on Saturday November 16th.

The next Panel Meeting of the Central Area Housing Management Panel will be held at Leach Court on Wednesday November 20th at 2pm.
5. Finance: The financial situation remains very healthy. A separate account has now been established for Friends of Craven Wood – until now CVCA has been meeting necessary expenses, and will be recompensed once funds are available.
6. Estate Development Budget: Eight ideas for potential funding were put forward at the Open Meeting on October 9th and these were discussed in detail by those Committee members present, with advice on feasibility and acceptability being provided by Jane White for the Council. It was agreed that no more than five proposals should be put forward, and that they should be placed in order of priority.

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that (subject to ratification by the next Open Meeting of the Association on December 11th) the following five projects will be forwarded to the Council, in priority order as follows:

- a) The provision of additional lighting above three entrance doors for 7-12 Southwater Close, 41-51 Queensway and 53-63 Queensway, plus an additional light for the garage area at Southwater Close, located either at the southern end of the garages or on the end wall of 5-15 Queensway. Jane will check whether electricity supplies are available at the southern end of the garages.
- b) Refurbishment of the Vale Community Centre, to include replacement carpeting, plastering of newly created surfaces and refreshing paintwork.

- c) Undertaking a feasibility study of a potential new play area on housing land at the foot of Jacob's Ladder to the south of Parham Close, and conducting consultations with local residents. The area is currently over-run by brambles. (If such a study were to recommend a go-ahead, the CVCA would seek to raise funds from subsequent rounds of the EDB and elsewhere).
 - d) Provision of a concrete plinth and wooden bench close to the southbound bus stop serving Hadlow Close.
 - e) Re-painting of the stairwell of 13-18 Hadlow Close, subject to information to be obtained by December 11th on: the approximate total cost; the threshold level of such expenditures before leasehold tenants are expected to contribute to the cost; and (if necessary) a consultation with potential affected leasehold tenants.
7. Healthy Neighbourhood Fund. A Panel had met to consider applications for funds from the HNF grant of £2,500. Grants have been awarded to provide:
- a) A summer dog-show to encourage responsible dog ownership (CVCA)
 - b) Monthly coffee mornings for the more elderly residents (CVCA)
 - c) A Christmas Fair on December 14th (CVCA)
 - d) Hall Hire costs for the Pebbles Dance Group
 - e) Training, volunteer costs and tools (Friends of Craven Wood)
- In total, some £1,625 has been allocated, with funds available to support further applications.
8. Any Other Business:
- a) Bill raised the problems of inadequate stairwell cleaning and probable overcharging by Mears for simple repairs.
 - b) Nick reported that Mears and their sub-contractors had badly marked the stairwell at 1-6 Hadlow Close following the removal of the contents of Number 5, and asked that they be tasked with redecorating the affected areas.
 - c) Nick reported that the occupant of 25 Queensway does not seem to have any electrical supply or light in his lobby area, unlike most if not all other residents, but that the Council had said it was not their responsibility to provide either. Jane offered to investigate.
 - d) Bill asked whether the step-painting with yellow paint would be continued. Alan said that Nick Aldwinckle had promised to arrange a meeting soon between the Committee and Community Payback and this would be among the options being discussed – he would report back.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

The next meetings will be held at 7 pm on:

Wednesday **December 11th** (Full Meeting)

Wednesday **January 8th** (Committee Meeting)