



Minutes of Committee Meeting

October 8th 2014, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee: Alan Cooke, Bill Duff, Betty Field, Grant Scott, Clive Taplin; Others: Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities), Ruth Sennett.

1. Apologies: Nick Wood, Keely McDonald (Trainee Involvement Officer).
2. Minutes of Open Meeting of September 10th 2014: These were agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) *Car Parking Consultation.* The Council has now agreed to expand the light-touch parking scheme U to include Hendon Street, Bute Street, Rochester Street and Livingstone Street, but not extended to any road in Craven Vale.
 - b) *Door entry times.* Keely had written to say that she is following up the request and will report back once there is any development.
4. Correspondence: The next meeting for all East Brighton Residents would be held in the Vale Community Centre on October 9th at 6pm.
5. Finance: The financial situation remains healthy. News had been received that the disputed bills with BT had now been resolved, with no amounts outstanding.
6. Estate Development Budget:

Every resident had been asked to propose ideas for EDB monies next year at the September meeting, to be considered at this committee meeting, and presented to the next full meeting in November for ratification. Ideas put forward at the meeting were:

 - a) Replacement of the unsightly concrete bollards in Hadlow Close with birds-mouth fencing similar to that elsewhere on the estate. Following discussion on the possible alternatives, such as painting the existing ones or replacing with more attractive bollards, it was agreed that the bird's-mouth fencing would be recommended. Vote – 3 in favour, one against, one abstention.
 - b) Marking up the car parking areas in Hadlow Close to encourage motorists to make best use of the restricted area. It was also requested that a similar exercise take place at the Parham Close parking area. This was agreed unanimously.
 - c) Investigate the conversion of some flat roofs over bin stores to become green roofs, with soil and plants. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with the request for a green roof above the Vale Community Centre. Vote – 4 in favour, one against.

- d) Additional stairwells to be re-decorated. This was not agreed, by a unanimous vote.

Further ideas were then discussed by the Committee:

- e) Application for some £1,500 to purchase materials for Community Payback, to conclude the painting of steps around the Estate and paint certain railings. Agreed unanimously.
- f) Apply for a feasibility study to see what community uses could be made of the disused large bin-store behind Southwater Close. Ideas include an apple-store, a gardeners store and workshop, storage of bulk goods etc. Agreed unanimously.
- g) Replacement chairs for the Vale Community Centre. Agreed unanimously.

These six recommendations would now be taken to the next full meeting of CVCA on November 12th for ratification, and also for ranking in order of preference. Completed application forms need to be with the Council by November 14th.

7. Any Other Business:

- a) The meeting asked the Secretary to write to Brighton College (copy to the Council) complaining about the short-term double parking in Sutherland Road by coaches and parents, on the grounds of danger.
- b) By copy of the minutes, Nick Aldwinckle would be asked to investigate the apparent dumping of concrete blocks on the grass by Southwater Close. Are they owned by anyone?
- c) New rules for the operation of the Craven Vale Food Bank were presented to the Committee for their agreement, concerning the use of the facility by non-residents. These were approved unanimously.
- d) Nick was asked to invoice Brighton Permaculture for four hours use of the Community Centre on Saturday October 4th for their 'permaculture design course'.
- e) Amy explained that she was involved in setting up a new committee for Queens Park Community Association which would eventually take over the running of the Haven Community Centre, and asked if CVCA would be prepared to 'umbrella' this committee until it was finally in place. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

The next meetings will be held at 7 pm on:

Wednesday **November 12th** (Open Meeting for all residents)

Wednesday **December 10th** (Committee Meeting)