



Craven Vale Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

April 8th 2015, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

Present: Committee: Alan Cooke (Secretary), Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcock, Nick Wood;
Others: Keely McDonald (Trainee Resident Involvement Officer)

1. **Apologies:** Grant Scott, Bill Duff, Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities)
2. **Minutes of Meetings February 11th and March 11th 2015.** These were agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) *Estate Development Budget.* Community Payback have now been in touch regarding step painting and EDB have released the £500 to pay for materials.
 - b) *Key fobs for the postmen.* The postman has been asking for all trade buttons on the Estate to be re-timed for 1pm, as he has difficulty in accessing four blocks. However, the Council is considering deleting all trade buttons across the city so no decision was imminent.
 - c) *Bus Consultation.* Simon Kirby said on March 27th that the Bus Company would be opening its consultation on buses to and from Woodingdean within the next week, but nothing had appeared by the time of the meeting.
 - d) *Problem family.* Keely said that a 'tenancy enforcement' order was now under way.
 - e) *Summer Fair.* A date has now been agreed – Saturday July 11th.
4. **Correspondence.**
 - a) *EDB 2015/2016.* The Chairman and Secretary had been invited to a meeting on April 9th where bids from all associations in East Brighton and Woodingdean wards would be voted upon.
5. **Finance.** The finances remain healthy. Details of the two accounts as at March 31st are shown on the attached document. It was agreed that – as finances were healthy – CVCA would not be applying for a Council grant to cover incidental expenses of the Association.
6. **Estate Development Budget.** Keely advised that the EDB QuickBid panel have approved the replacement of the notice board at the top of Hadlow Close. Keely also advised that our bid for a 'green roof' on the Community Centre could not be considered as the roof was structurally too weak for the extra weight.
7. **Craven Vale Roads and Verges.** As noted in the previous meeting, the Committee were asked to consider their response to the near-unanimous vote on March 11th to request

another parking consultation by the Council. Alan suggested that CVCA should pay for a very short questionnaire to be sent to each of the 330 households on the Estate to ask whether or not they were interested in having a further consultation, or whether they were content to rely on the last one, which kept the Estate as a free parking zone. The covering letter would give the background, and explain that – without a substantial vote in favour of a third consultation within a fairly short period – the Council were unlikely to agree, bearing in mind the cost of a full consultation. In order to achieve a substantial response, it would be advisable to send every householder a stamped addressed envelope, at a cost to the CVCA of some £200 in stamps and envelopes.

Although the committee were not quorate, this proposal was agreed, subject to the later agreement of the CVCA Chairman Grant Scott (subsequently confirmed). Alan would bring a draft letter and questionnaire to be discussed at the next full meeting on May 13th for distribution shortly thereafter. Keely offered to speak to the Council to see if the results of such a questionnaire would be acceptable in place of the normal requirement for a petition.

Concerning heavy traffic volumes and peak-hour congestion on Queensway it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Martin Heath, Road Safety Team Manager with the suggestion that extra signs should be placed at each end of Queensway with words to the effect of “Narrow Road. Slow down and give way to oncoming traffic”.

7. **Any Other Business**

a) *Annual General Meeting*. This is currently planned for Wednesday July 8th, but (because of the perennial difficulty of attracting the necessary twelve residents) the possibility of moving it to Saturday July 11th, to take place during the Summer Fair, would be given consideration.

8. **Dates of Next Meetings**

- a) General Meeting, 7 pm May 13th
- b) Committee Meeting, 7 pm April 8th

Please note for your diaries that this year's AGM will probably be on Wednesday July 8th but it *might* be moved to Saturday July 11th.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.