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FORUM MINUTES

Minutes of the Forum General Committee Meeting held at the
Playcentre Norton Hill on Monday 13th July 2009

Those Present:

Chairman	Mike Burrows	Secretary	
Trustee	Mike Shepherd	Telematics	
Trustee	David Brandwood	Trustee	Gordon Jenions
WH Residents		Priory View	
S.Citizens		Bingo Club	Maureen Hazlewood
St Berts Church	Mrs John Beaney	N/Hood Mgmt	
LHT		HBC CDO	Kerry Rooney
Brookvale CC		Resident	Jean Saunders
Positive Futures		Fishing Club	
Norton Knitters		WHCP School	

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 11.05am

2. Apologies

Mo Ball, Pauline Hilton, Tracey Crutchley, Nick Walton, Beth Edwards, Colin Hughes. Kathryn Muscroft, Rev John Beaney, Irene Campbell.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Mike Shepherd proposed and David Brandwood seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true reflection of the Forum General Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009.

4. Matters Arising

Playcentre - Nothing to report on the Playcentre expansion plans.

Digital Inclusion – Some systems have been installed including the School, however the Forum had not received their system because of a problem with attaching an aerial to a listed building. Installations are behind the schedule, however over 40 people had made enquiries to Neighbourhood Management about receiving the system.

5. Correspondence

The latest Police Newsletter was made available to the meeting.

6. Reports

Office – Mike Burrows informed the meeting that the Forum was working to update its systems and accountability by investing in the Quality First System and by attending an Outcomes course to identify the true Aims, Objectives and Outcomes of the Forum. These systems were now becoming essential as proof to funders that the Forum was operating as a committed Social Enterprise and in a transparent and open manner.

Treasurer – Mike also informed the meeting that the accounts should be ready to present to the next meeting.

Telematics - See attached report.

Transport – The mini-bus had needed extensive welding in order to pass MOT, but was now fully serviceable and should OK for the next few years.

Residents Association – Nothing to report.

LHT – Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Management – Nothing reported

St Berts Church – There were plans for 2 morning services were in hand and a meeting is to be held this week. Also back to Murdishaw on Sunday and Youth fellowship meetings are to take place on Sunday evenings from September.

Regular meetings are to be held to hear someone with a story to tell. This week it will be David Hamilton an Ex-Para.

There is the possibility of a Fun Day to be held at the August Bank Holiday on the Saturday.

Brookvale Children's Centre – Nothing to report.

7. Any Other Business

Mike Shepherd reported that he was in discussions about positioning 12 Recycle Bins throughout the estate at major roundabouts.

The next subway to be decorated by the Youth Initiative would be the one at Southwood.

Also major improvements were being planned for Town Park, which will include a bike project to engage the youth in bike training – repairs and – maintenance.

A discussion was held about the computer courses and standards of instruction. The Chair explained that the Tutors were under review and that because of our teaching philosophy, it was difficult for institutionalised tutors to easily adapt to our requirements. They needed time to adapt, but if they didn't we were prepared to re-advertise and make changes.

The Chair informed the meeting that a meeting was to be held with Connexions in order to explore putting on courses for local youth and what the guidelines and parameters were. There then followed a discussion on why this was necessary and how it could bring revenue into the Forum.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.06pm.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th September 2009 at 11.00am.