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FORUM MINUTES

Minutes of the Forum General Committee Meeting held at the
Playcentre Norton Hill on Monday 11th July 2011

Those Present:

Chairman	Mike Burrows	Secretary	
Trustee	Mike Shepherd	Trustee	
Telematics	Nick Walton	Volunteer	Rodney Rowe
WH Residents	Jean Saunders	Sen.Citizens	
St Berts Church	Rev John Beaney	HBC CDO	
Priory View		Bingo Club	
Positive Futures		Fishing Club	
Brookvale CC		WHCP School	
LHT		Norton Knitters	
PCSO	Paul Webster	HBC Fitness	Paula Parle

1. Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 11.05am

2. Apologies

Beth Edwards, Kathryn Muscroft, Kerry Johnson

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Mike Shepherd proposed and John Beaney seconded that the minutes of the last meeting were a true reflection of the Forum General Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th November 2010.

4. Matters Arising

Mike Shepherd reported that the Halton.net free broadband pilot project for 120 households on Windmill Hill and Castlefields came to an end on 31 March 2011. And the Help Desk and Technical support provided by the Forum also came to an end. Aimes have taken over the Help Desk and it can be reached on 0151 905 9733. Technical and diagnostic support is now run from Aimes Headquarters in Liverpool. Aimes will try to carry on, but are looking for financial support for the next 18 months, when they hope to introduce TV as part of the bundle.

5. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

6. Reports

Office – The Chairman reported that the Forum's Community Office and Telematics Computer Centre were now up and running again after 6 months of refurbishment work on the Playcentre building which has now been renamed the Windmill Hill Childrens Centre.

Transport – Rodney Rowe reported that the mini-bus had got through its MOT and continued to be in regular use. It was also reported that the current bus was unlikely to pass its next MOT, but Halton Community Transport were replacing some of their buses and may be able to provide us with a replacement bus at a nominal cost of £500.

Treasurer – The Chairman reported that the accounts had been forwarded to the accountant and that the bank balance currently stood at £12,500

Telematics – Report attached. Nick informed the meeting that 3 short courses were produced for the short time available before the summer break. Grants from WO Street £1,500 in support of the 'Email & the Internet 'course and £1,000 from Tesco to buy 2 new computers have been received.

Telematics CIC – Nick reported a profit of £15,750 in the period from January to June 2011.

Residents Association – Jean reported that the R.A. AGM was taking place at Priory View on Monday 26th July at 2pm.

HBC – Councillor Mike Shepherd informed the meeting that cuts were going ahead during 2011 and 2012. Due to the loss of funding the Borough received to offset the deprived nature of the Borough these cuts were effectively running at 20%.

St Berts Church – John reported that the parish was an Urban Priority Parish because of the level of deprivation throughout the parish. In fact the parish has not paid its own way for many years and needed £45,000 pa to do so. Initiatives to raise money through Jumble Sales etc. were ongoing but not enough. More people from the WH estate were returning to the church but the lack of public transport, particularly on a Sunday morning meant that many people found it difficult to attend. John is implementing a 3 step strategy to raise the profile of the church, which includes becoming more involved in the community, growing the list of members, providing support for the church members, community outreach programs and encouraging fundraising.

John also pointed out that it was the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and expanded on how this bible brought about so many of the changes in education, values and laws we have today.

LHT – Not present.

Community Officer – Not present.

Police Community Support Officer – Paul Webster said the estate was reasonably quiet, although there was still a problem with shop lifting in the Coop. CCTV was being used to try to identify suspicious locals and outsiders. The changes to the road layout in front of the Primary School have been a massive success and reduced the traffic chaos and parking problems of the past, although he has had to issue some illegal parking tickets.

7. Any Other Business

Paula Parle from HBC spoke to the meeting about Health and Fitness on Windmill Hill. Statistics from Sport England identified that Windmill Hill was bottom of the pile for fitness per head of population in the Borough. The most unfit groups being single mothers and men over 50. Five years ago a survey was done which highlighted the lack of facilities and lack of commitment to exercise. The situation hasn't changed, but there is now a walking group operating in the area, and Paula was made aware that the school hall could be available for use to deliver a schedule of fitness programs.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.10am.

8. Next Meeting

Monday 12th September 2011 at 11am in St Berts church.