

# WINDMILL HILL COMMUNITY FORUM LTD

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## FORUM MINUTES

Minutes of the Forum General Committee Meeting held at the  
Playcentre Norton Hill on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

### Those Present:

<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Burrows	<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Trustee</b>	Mike Shepherd	<b>Telematics</b>	
<b>Trustee</b>	David Brandwood	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>WH Residents</b>	Beth Edwards	<b>Priory View</b>	
<b>S.Citizens</b>		<b>Bingo Club</b>	
<b>St Berts</b>	Rev John Beaney	<b>N/Hood Mgmt</b>	
<b>LHT</b>	Kathryn Muscroft	<b>HBC CDO</b>	Kerry Rooney
<b>Brookvale CC</b>	Diane Pape	<b>Resident</b>	Jean Saunders
<b>Positive Futures</b>		<b>Fishing Club</b>	
<b>Norton Knitters</b>		<b>WHCP School</b>	

### 1. Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 11.06am

### 2. Apologies

Mo Ball, Pauline Hilton, Clare Dinsdale, Gordon Jenions, Tracey Crutchley, Nick Walton, Beth Edwards, Colin Hughes.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Jean Saunders proposed and John Beaney seconded that the minutes were a true reflection of the Forum General Committee Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

### 4. Matters Arising

Nil

### 5. Correspondence

The latest Police Newsletter was made available to the meeting.

## 6. Reports

**Office** – Mike Burrows informed the meeting that we had been approved by OCN and are now recognised as a qualified learning Centre. There was then a discussion on what this could mean to the Forum and that it opened the door to use the OCN recognition to develop courses which could tap in to the Job Centre Plus training program. Mike Shepherd and Kerry Rooney would make enquiries to see if there was a way to approach this and find out about the course content that would be required. Mike pointed out that we have a qualification which would be recognised Halton wide and may be able to make use of this.

**Treasurer** – Mike informed the meeting that the CIC had gifted £17,500 of its profits back to the Forum and that the Forum accounts were ready to go to the accountant.

**Telematics** - See attached report.

**Transport** – The mini-bus accounts remained buoyant.

**Residents Association** – Mike Shepherd informed the meeting that £4,000 had been handed over by the previous treasurer and was now in the Association's account.

**LHT** – Kathryn reported that the new round of Community Support Awards, were now available and the next meeting would be held in June.

The Stone Lea dip was progressing and contracts have been signed, however virgin soil was hard to get and needed to be tested by E.A and none was available at the moment. When it arrives the bus way may need to be closed off.

On completion, the entry gateway to Phoenix Park will need a facelift. HBC are keen to engage WH community to develop art work to mark the entrance. A mosaic has been suggested but other projects will be discussed at the next environmental meeting.

**Neighbourhood Management** – Nothing reported

**St Berts Church** – Rev John Beaney informed the meeting that the Sunday School and the Sunday services were full to overflowing and were thinking of using the school or a porta-cabin to ease the problem. The Wednesday morning praise and play crèche was also very successful but clashed with the Wednesday morning Busy Bees tots session in the Playcentre.

**Brookvale Children's Centre** – Diane had nothing to report at this time apart from saying everything was going fine.

## 7. Any Other Business

**The Playcentre** - Mike Shepherd reported that he had attended a meeting with Children's Services,

Community Development about the future of the Playcentre. There are plans to extend the building and due to lack of space in the WH Children's centre. Mike put forward the opinion that the Community should also be able to use the building as there were no community centre on the estate and also the possibility that the Health Services could be incorporated in the building also. Further talks involving all the agencies were going to take place and he would report back on details of these meetings.

**Digital Inclusion** – Mike Burrows, Mike Shepherd and Kerry Rooney informed the meeting of the digital inclusion initiative which would be shortly available on Windmill Hill.

The system gives broadband access to residents and will initially be piloted on Windmill Hill by 10 people and then eventually to a further 110 residents.

The residents will get a monitor, keyboard, a slim box and an internal receiver connected to an aerial/receiver on the roof, which is pointed at the transceiver at Daresbury.

The Forum will be the first place to receive the equipment and will also provide the help desk and system repairs when the system rolls out to other residents.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.14pm.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 11.00am.