

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007

### Those Present:

<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Burrows	<b>Secretary</b>	Tracey Crutchley
<b>Trustee</b>		<b>Telematics</b>	Nick Walton
<b>Volunteer</b>		<b>Volunteer</b>	
<b>S.Citizens</b>		<b>St Berts</b>	Maureen Hazlewood
<b>Priory View</b>	Maria Johnson	<b>WHCP School</b>	
<b>WH Pre School</b>		<b>Wine Circle</b>	
<b>Sunshine U5s</b>		<b>WHRA</b>	
<b>LHT</b>		<b>LHT Warden</b>	
<b>HBC</b>	Claire Dinsdale	<b>Halton Together</b>	
<b>HBC</b>		<b>N/Hood CO-Ord</b>	

### 1. Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 11.01am.

### 2. Apologies

Martin Cooil, Pauline Hilton, Joe Orme and David Brandwood

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Maureen Hazlewood proposed and Maria Johnson seconded that the minutes were a true reflection of the Forum General Committee Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

### 4. Matters Arising

**LHT** – Residents were canvassed about the landscaping of the Westwood Project with the majority voting to keep the area exactly as it was. There have been representations made to all concerned, that a tree be planted in memory of Bill Edwards in recognition of his untiring work for the residents association and the local community as a whole.

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**Norton Priory** – The restoration work on the Ha-Ha wall at the Priory was a great success. Martin Cooil and his band of volunteers had a physical but extremely rewarding day.

**Boys Brigade** – Claire Dinsdale is helping to source funding and Mike Burrows let Maureen Hazlewood have details for hiring the 'Playcentre'

## 5. Correspondence

1. Received a letter from the office of our local MP Mike Hall about the O2 'Community Awards' initiative. Small grants for local projects.
2. Received the HVA Newsletter and notice of their AGM.

## 6. Reports

**Office** – We are re-vamping the website by combining the Forum and Telematics sections. Visitors will have an interactive service which will be very user friendly for our groups and residents to use. Groups will be able to enter their own content and edit their own information on the website in real time. This will enable instant changes and remove delays when new information needs to be posted. Groups will be able to open up their own News or Message Boards to advertise events and changes to their schedules. The address remains the same [www.whcf.org.uk](http://www.whcf.org.uk) please visit and try the new user friendly set up. Those having difficulty can visit the office and have hands on guidance through the system.

**Treasurer** – Annual audit preparations are completed, and the accounts will be presented at the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**Transport** – The mini-bus is still under utilised mainly due to the summer holidays, but bookings should start to pick up. However LHT are using it with their youth initiative and two new groups have registered with the Forum and have been advised they can use the mini-bus.

**Volunteers** – Volunteers are still needed, if anyone knows of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact the office on 790228. Regrettably Steve Turner tended his resignation recently, and we will miss his input and unstinting work that he has carried out for the Forum. We wish him well in his other voluntary pursuits

**Residents Association** – It was with heavy hearts that we learned that Bill Edwards had lost his battle to overcome his long illness, and our sympathy and condolences go out to Beth and his family for their loss. The Windmill Hill Community has lost a true champion, one who battled for the rights, and demanded all the benefits, that the residents were entitled to or deserved.

WHCF fully supports the community initiative to have a permanent memorial dedicated to Bill in recognition of a life focussed on helping others.

**Priory View** – The management are planning an open day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

September to show off the new garden and get feed back about the facilities.

**LHT** – Plans are going ahead to fill in the Dell with demolition hardcore taken from Castlefields, and then landscape afterwards. There are some local concerns about scencing but they are in hand.

**Neighbourhood Management** – is now organised into 6 sub-groups covering the HBC priority areas. Meetings of the sub-groups are happening over the next few weeks.

NH are also looking for active Community Champions who will represent their block of flats or streets and act as the conduit for information and complaints between residents and NM.

A quarterly newsletter is being discussed and should appearing in the near future.

## **7. Telematics**

See attached report. The Party at the Playcentre in July for all students, friends and sponsors of the Telematics centre went very well and Mike Hall our local MP presented certificates and prizes to the students. Mike Hall's campaign office donated unwanted IT equipment to the Telematics for use on courses or as loans for students.

## **8. Any Other Business**

**Environmental Forum** – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm.

**HBC** – Claire Dinsdale is now the permanent community development officer for Windmill Hill.

**Norton Priory** – There is now a FREE Community pass for all residents on the Windmill Hill Electoral Roll. The Forum is willing to help generate local support for the Priory by making the mini-bus available for groups to visit.

A discussion took place on ways of bringing the benefits of the museum to the notice of local people and organisations.

We were informed that there is a growing problem with areas of the gardens being vandalised and windows being broken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 11am.