



# Beeches Community Group

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at 7 pm at the Golden Farm Inn**

**Present:** Lynn Hilditch (Chairman), Malcolm Lewis (Deputy Chairman), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary and Treasurer), Mike Jupp, Cllr Stuart Tarr (CTC), Rosalyn Lewis, Jacqui Paige, Richard Paige, Cliff Hilditch, Ann Yip (Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard), Roger Sweeting, PCSO Bev Williams, PCSO Adrien Kapronczai and Peter Braidwood.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions.

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Keith Handley, Sarah Gardiner (Kingshill School), Cllr Claire Bloomer (CTC) and Cllr Nigel Robbins (CTC, CDC & GCC)

**2. To Approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 2016**

Proposed by Cllr Stuart Tarr and Seconded by Malcolm Lewis  
Unanimously approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2017**

Proposed by Lynn Hilditch and Seconded by Malcolm Lewis  
Unanimously approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda**

None.

**5. Chairman's Report - See Attached**

Noted

**6. Finance Report - See Attached**

The Report and Asset Register were circulated and the current balance at the bank confirmed as £144.85. The report was unanimously approved and adopted. The Treasurer recommended that the items purchased in 2012 and 2013 should now be reduced in value to zero. This was Proposed by Lynn Hilditch and Seconded by Peter Braidwood and unanimously agreed.

Mike Jupp advised that the list did not include all of the items held by the Group and it was agreed that Malcolm Lewis would carry out an audit and the value of any additional items would be considered at the next meeting.

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**7. Election of Chairman**

Mike Jupp had submitted a list of matters that were of concern to him and whilst he addressed the meeting Cllr Stuart Tarr took the Chair enabling Lynn Hilditch to respond.

Lynn Hilditch was then elected as Chairman, unopposed with one abstention, to serve until the AGM in 2018.

Lynn Hilditch then resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**8. Election of Officers** (Nomination Paper attached)

**Vice Chairman and Social Secretary**

In view of the lack of nominations it was agreed to combine the role of Vice Chairman and Social Secretary.

Malcolm Lewis was elected unanimously and unopposed to serve until the AGM in 2018.

**Secretary** - Caroline Braidwood was elected unanimously and unopposed to serve until the AGM in 2018.

**Treasurer**

There were 2 nominations: Mike Jupp and Caroline Braidwood. Both candidates addressed the meeting. Mike Jupp won 2 votes to 10 and Caroline Braidwood was elected by 8 votes to 10 in favour to serve until the AGM in 2018.

**Other Committee Members**

There were no other nominations.

**9. Revised Constitution (As attached)**

The revised document had been circulated at the previous meeting and the Chairman explained that this lighter weight Constitution better reflects the way in which the Group now works.

Proposed by Peter Braidwood and Seconded by Rosalyn Lewis and unanimously adopted.

**10. Reports from the Group**

**Community Speed Watch & Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley**

Not available

**Litter Picking**

Roger Sweeting advised that he continues this work on an ad hoc basis on own on journeys around the Ward and into Town. He advised that a Litter bin is needed at end of the Kingsmeadow bridge and requested that the Group maintain indemnity insurance cover for him. This was proposed by Peter Braidwood and seconded by Malcolm Lewis and unanimously agreed. The Secretary was requested to investigate the cost of the premium with the Town Council.

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Roger advised that he is working with David Jatto (Environmental Officer, CTC) and requested details of contacts on Kingshill Meadow estate.

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**Police**

PCSO Bev Williams, PCSO Adrien Kapronczai advised:

- New Beat Officer for Cirencester – PC Stewart Liddle-Peters – particularly keen to reduce drugs.
- 300 fewer Officers in Gloucestershire since 5 years ago
- Crime has increased in all categories
- Operation Switch – mobile Station – available to advise on Home Safety
- Most burglaries take place between 3 – 8
- Most of the thefts in the Ward are shop lifting incidents at Haresbush Service Station.
- Parking is a big issue.
- PCSO Williams advised that they can do Home Crime Prevention checks and that there is a shop at Cirencester Station selling useful crime prevention gadgets.

**Crime Statistics - October 2016 to November 2017**

Violence increased from 36 to 52

Burglary (Dwelling, Non-Dwelling & Businesses) increased from 3 to 8

Theft (Shoplifting) increased from 53 to 68

Criminal Damage increased from 3 to 6

Drugs increased from 2 to 5

Roger Sweeting explained that he has found packaging for legal highs and gas cylinders etc. when litter picking. He was requested to advise the PCSO of the locations.

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**Cllr Stuart Tarr (CTC)**

- Outline planning application for Chesterton was heard at CDC's full Council on 26 September and deferred for 3 months pending further information about the vehicular route through the estate and a new date is awaited. It is not part of the old Local Plan and it is being considered whether it should be included in the new one.
- The Planning Inspector is currently looking at CDC's Local Plan.
- A consultation and review of the Market Place is being carried out by GCC to include: designated Disabled bays and pedestrianizing of Cricklade Street. Castle Street will remain one way and the new paving in the Market Place has been risk assessed.
- There will also be an On-Street and Off-Street Parking review.
- Cabling on Burford Road should be completed this weekend.

**11. Future Events and Meetings**

The Chairman advised that these will be advised by Email, FB and Website  
The next AGM will take place around this time next year.  
Christmas Dinner – Thursday, 7 December 2017 at the Golden Farm Inn – Contact Malcolm Lewis for further information.

**12. Any Other Business**

Mike Jupp asked if there had been a Quorum of 5 to agree the payments relating to the BBQ. The Chairman confirmed that this had not been the case and that there had only been 4 members at the last Group meeting. It was then unanimously agreed that the Committee could spend up to £50 without further approval from the Group and that items over £50 would be agreed by a request sent out by email or on FaceBook.

**CB**

**13. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be advised by Email, FaceBook and on the website.

**The meeting closed at 20:24**