



It was noted that no one had come forward to fill the Social Secretary's position this year.  
Cllr Claire Bloomer volunteered to serve on the Committee.

## **5. Relationship and Communications with Other Groups**

### **a) Other Cirencester Community Groups**

Cllr Bloomer asked if BCG also covers New Mills ? It was agreed that the residents of New Mills would be very welcome to join the Group but if they wished to set up their own then BCG would offer support. It was noted that Corinium Via had formed their own Group and worked in partnership with BCG. It was agreed to enquire if CV intended to approach the residents of Pembroke Park which is adjacent to their own development.

**CB**

Cllr Bloomer explained that she has been in contact with residents on Kingshill Meadow who have a lot of issues mainly with maintenance and feel isolated from the rest of the Town. The Bus stops have no timetables or service information and dog waste is also a problem. A litter pick has been arranged and a meeting on Tuesday 3 October at 7.30 pm. It was agreed that representatives of BCG would try to attend the meeting to offer support.

**LH & ML**

It is understood that both CCDT and the Town Council are looking to provide information about all of the Community Groups in the Town and arrange an informal joint meeting.

**ML**

### **b) WILD Churn Project**

Helen Richards was welcomed to the meeting and she explained that:

- She works with community organisations in the south of the District providing advice and help with project development.
- WILD is a Water environment project involving 20 parishes in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire to improve water environment.
- Funding is available from Thames Water for 3 years and they are looking at water flow and the environment through Cirencester; not only rivers but brooks and surface water, too.
- Getting communities involved in areas around the water course to identify blockages, potential flood risks and maintenance needed.
- Old Swan sanctuary will provide a water storage area.
- GWT is the main partner
- 42 days planned for work projects each year with the next one in October
- Need volunteers - no experience necessary.

Helen asked if the Group could publicise the work projects and need for volunteers.

## **6. Social Events**

### **a) Feedback and Planning**

The Chairman advised that all events can't fall on committee members and that there needs to be support from the community. Even meetings fail to attract attendance. She suggested that if other groups and organisations require assistance from the Group then enough notice is needed to be able to advertise on FB and the website.

### **b) Candyfloss Machine**

It was noted that the Group had been requested to attend 2 other events with the candyfloss machine. With current health warnings about sugar consumption, it was suggested that the popularity of candyfloss is declining. However, the point was made that the machine is only used only occasionally and is still very popular with children. It was agreed that this issue needs to be discussed further.

**LH**

The Chairman suggested that as the Group has a very small Committee, Officers are unable to attend all events in the Town, then it might be worth considering making donations to community events to allow them to go ahead and be successful. Mike's event is already booked – maybe consider new venue next year. Not well supported by residents. Now Mike's party – invited friends. Consider sell tickets in the bar. **LH**

**c) • Christmas Dinner / Party**

It was agreed that there would be 2 Christmas events this year:

- Mike Jupp's Christmas Party at the Wheatsheaf Inn on **Friday, 8 December 2017** – a repeat of previous years' very successful event. It was noted that this is less of a Group event and that most people attending are invited.
- Another Christmas Party will be held at the Golden Farm Inn on **Thursday, 7 December 2017** which will be open to all residents of Beeches Ward. The Deputy Chairman suggested that in view of the help and support offered by Andy Brown it would be good to support his new venture at the Golden Farm Inn where a meeting room has been offered to the Group.

**7. Any Other Business**

**Cllr Nigel Robbins reported:**

- CDC planning application for the Chesterton development is to be decided on 26 September 2017.
- Concrete is subsiding on City bank bridge at the eastern end (North Home Road)

He was asked if he could help with:

- the installation of double yellow line on Churchill Road at the junction with London Road – take up with the Police and Gloucestershire Highways
- Lorries chewing up the surface of Burford Road
- Traffic speeding going out of Cirencester on the Burford Road – Speed Watch / Mobile VAS
- Width of road too tight for lorries travelling at speed at pelican crossing on Burford Road
- Buses travelling too fast through North Home Road bus gate and not stopping for pedestrians.

**Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch**

Keith Handley advised:

- Had delivered flyers to Pembroke Park properties but has received no response.
- 3 VAS units were purchased with a Police & Crime Commission grant but Highways has restricted use. It was agreed to make enquiries. **CB**

He also enquired about the procedure for road naming and it was agreed to follow this up. **CB**

**David Jetta – Environmental Warden**

Introduced himself and explained that he is looking for local volunteers to assist with dog control, dog fouling, litter etc.

It was agreed to place information on the website. **CB**

**Website**

It was commented that the Group's website is good and the Secretary was thanked for her work.

**8. Date and Time of the Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, 9 November 2017 at the Golden Farm Inn at 7pm.**

**The meeting closed at 20:18**