

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting held on 13 November 2014

Present : Stuart Tarr (Chairman), Tim Killen, Nick Bridges (Community Engagement Officer, Cirencester Town Council), PCSO Rennie Broad, Jenny Smith, Malcolm Lewis, Mike Jupp, Keith Handley, Paige Lilley, John Burgess, Cllr Patrick Coleman (CTC), Cllr Nigel Robinns (GCC)

1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies Paul Maiden (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander, Caroline Braidwood & Peggy Tout</p> <p>Bart Casagrande (Britannia), Rob Hill, Ren Rees(CTC), David Prewit, Kathryn Toplis, Joanne Gilmour, Will Chester-Master (Abbey Home Farm)</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from Previous Meetings 13 November 2014 Annual General Meeting Proposed: Malcolm Lewis Seconded: Mike Jupp And UNANIMOUSLY agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda None</p>
4.	<p>Britannia Construction Presentation with Bart Casagrande Mr Casagrande gave an overview of the works completed to date, the problem encountered with new drainage designs and the completion schedule for final fix and tarmac laying in March.</p> <p>Mr Casagrande's message was that he is accessible and will assist with issues where he can. His team has also supported is carrying out other tasks such as litter picking when there has been time.</p> <p>The subject of the additional 30 MPH speed signs for Burford Road was raised and supported by Cllr Robbins. Also mentioned that the new street lights on Burford Road are not working or obscured by the trees. Action this is to be discussed with Richard Grey and Ann Jones Co-Ordinator/Secretary, Cotswold Tree Warden Group</p>
5.	<p>Chairman's Report - Stuart Tarr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had been busy since last meeting, especially with the Christmas holidays. • Burford Road issues have taken up much time co-ordinating with Britannia and Bart. • The bus route issues has been reviewed and discussed prior to Christmas. • New bins & dog bins have been agreed and are in the process of being installed • Alex Hoskins did not take up the role of Treasurer, so Caroline has kindly agreed to support this role in the future, along with the management of the great website. • Discussed that New Mills would be incorporated in March 2015.
6.	<p>Finance Report Financial report confirmed that the balance at the bank remains at £231.88 but that a cheque for £61.05 has been committed to CTC to pay for the new bins and dog bins.</p> <p>It was noted that the Bank signatories need to be changed for the new committee And this needs to occur. Action with Chairman and Treasurer for March meeting</p>
7.	<p>Police - PCSO Renee Broad <u>November – Total of 12 Crimes</u> Violence- 2, Burglary- 1, Theft- 9</p> <p><u>December – Total of 17 Crimes</u> Violence- 3, Robbery- 1, Burglary- 3, Theft- 5, Fraud- 1, Criminal Damage- 4</p> <p>Note that the robbery was domestic and not public Additional Note is that Martin Sayle will be in the Brewery Car Park on the 12th May with a community engagement vehicle (time to be confirmed)</p>

County Councillor – Nigel Robbins

Cllr Robbins advised that the Amey contract is currently under review due to performance and contract issues.

Cllr Robbins requested that the BCG meeting attendees provide feedback on the responsiveness and quality of the work completed. It was suggested to use GCC and Amey website to raise a work order request to support this review and feedback.

It was noted that Richard Gray (not present) is the Liaison Officer for Amey and the Council.

It was stated that Cirencester Market Place had received planning approval, but that funding still needed to be secured.

Due to highways and safety issues on the Tesco Roundabout a BCG motion was proposed and agreed that there need to be a proper and immediate review of the alignment, lanes, and speed of traffic using the Tesco roundabout.

Town Councillors

Cllr Coleman advised:

- Council Tax for Cirencester reduced 3%
- Bus initiative funding in the town is £30,000 per year for 5 years (including tourism)
- The new bus route was allocated £296,000 for 5 years
- Our Future Cirencester issues are ongoing

BCG provided a group confirmation that the outlined increase of 12.5p per month was acknowledged and accepted by the BCG Group

Nick Bridges:

Introduced Dr Renata Rees(CTC) & Paige Lilley (position to be advised)

- 3 further rubbish bins will be installed for BCG in early February in North Home Road and Queen Elizabeth Road.
- Free car parking Monday and Tuesday afternoons after 1pm in January and February. Brewery Car Park now free in the evening.
- The Future of Cirencester Your Future - Considering the Local Plan Public Exhibition Monday 26th January to Friday 30th January 9.30 to 4pm Bingham Gallery,
- Cirencester Fire Station Event 26 February. The full, finalised programme for the day will be sent out soon".
- What needs fixing?/Emergency Response: The town council is working with community groups to build up a picture of things we need to look at. **People need to consider what is important and bring some ideas to the table during the next meeting in March.** Some examples are:
 - dredge/clear the Churn of weeds/undergrowth below London/Beeches Road
 - install salt/grit bins in the hilly parts of the ward, notably North Home Road and Corinium Via, to provide in/out access for residen
 - try and establish some sort of good neighbour/warden service to think about, drop in and/or check on the health and well-being of the elderly/disabled
 - draw up a list of emergency contact numbers - utilities that can be distributed to 'at risk' households coordinated and managed by CTC Bronze Commander.
- Discuss the budget for 2015/16 on 27th January 7pm Bingham Gallery. Separate email.
- Meeting to consider the delivery of the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme on Tuesday 10th March.
- Question from the group was, will the £500 per group be reduced with the introduction of new Groups. **To be confirmed by CTC by April**

Bromford

Not Present

Cottsway or Sovereign Housing

	Not Present
8.	<p>Presentation from Cirencester Against Bus Cuts (CABC) David Prewit</p> <p>David apologised for Peggy Tout being unwell.</p> <p>David presented argument for an extension of the old 58/59 bus service to support Cirencester on a new and improved North and South route through Stratton & Chesterton.</p> <p>Following the interesting presentation and discussion, BCG group agreed the motion to support an immediate investigation by GCC and CDC into the new busy routes proposed by CABC.</p>
9.	<p>Reports from the Group</p> <p>Community Speed Watch & Neighbourhood Watch - Keith Handley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Group in Kingshill Meadow despite trying. • Speed watch carried out on the Burford Road general speed OK, maximum 40mph. • Speed watch to happen again once the roadworks removed on Burford Road. <p>• Cllr Robbins advised that he completed 2 Speedwatch Sessions on the Gloucester Road and that police had sent out 60 letters to motorists found to have been speeding.</p> <p>Litter Picking - Malcolm Lewis Reported that work is on going. 3 to 4 people are litter picking each Saturday morning.</p> <p>Social Media - Caroline Braidwood It was pointed out by those present that the Website is well received.</p> <p>Watermoor CofE Primary School Update The question is what does the community and the BCG want from the new community facility at Watermoor School. Action all to provide feedback next time. Discussion on what furniture will be provided by the School and what will not. Action Patrick to check and report It was indicate that the Community Rooms could be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>Corinium Via Residents' Association Letter box damage and lighting bollard damage which was resolved</p> <p>Kingshill Meadow/North Home Road Bus Service Meeting took place prior to Christmas and the issues were discussed and a consensus reached. Mike Jupp to update</p> <p>Rob Hill/Railway Path & Lighting toward Kingshill School Rob outlined his concern over the condition of the footpath and the lack of lighting (7 lights not working).</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be a meeting with Rob and Martin Conyers (CTC Estates Manager) in early February and that BCG would be represented by Chairman or Mike Jupp, with Cllr Robbins in copy.</p>
10.	<p>Social Events</p> <p>Mike Jupp and the BCG team agreed to look at some form of fundraising opportunity potentially for Wiltshire & Gloucestershire Air Ambulance in the spirit of Janet Broomfield</p> <p>It was also discussed to possibly look at working together with Watermoor. To be discussed in March</p>
11.	<p>Will Chester-Master – Abbey Home Farm</p> <p>It was discussed that there is a litter problem in the woods. There is a need to install a bin, but arranging to get it emptied could be an issue. It was stated that Stratton Ward do not use the woods</p> <p>Will Chester-Master and Nick Bridges agreed to meet to discuss this further BCG acknowledged they could look to support with a bin given budget constraints.</p>

12.	<p>Any Other Business Nick Bridges Urged all to consider What needs fixing?/Emergency Response for next meeting</p> <p>Mike Jupp thanked Nick Bridges for arranging the bin installations</p>
13.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting 12 March 2015 -- at Ingleside at 7 pm Once the School is operational it is hoped to meet in the Community Room on the second Thursday of alternate months – March, May, July, September & November 2015</p>

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm