



COMMUNITY MEETING NOTE

Item	Agenda item	Lead
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Attendees: Marcus Pickering, Keela Shackell-Smith, Emma Lovelock, Ben Pitt, Helene Tame, Jenny Parris, George Yazigi, Rosemarie Ferguson, Julie Wisson, Ian Gardener.</p> <p>Apologies: Daniel Grant, David Wells, Kim Burrows, Rebecca Mitton.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Keela for having made the notes of the last meeting and for all her past contributions as Secretary of the group.</p>	Marcus
2/3	<p>Senior youth update/Funding young people's activities</p> <p>The senior youth group started 4 November 2015 and has been led by Senior Youth Worker Declan Tonks. It had originally been the intention for an additional worker to attend but this had not been achieved although Rosie had attended all the sessions apart from 2 in the first 8 weeks. Concern had been noted with regard to a potential safeguarding concern, if Declan was working alone.</p> <p>Rosie and Ben had attended a meeting with Alison Preece a Youth Service Manager and there had been some clarification of roles. A second worker Beth was now attending the sessions and was reported to be bringing new ideas on raising both funds and the group's profile.</p> <p>Funding for the group was identified as a key issue for LFCA. Costs are currently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Youth Worker £16 per hour x 3hours (.5 hours admin/outreach time) • Additional worker £11 per hour x 2.5hours • Building hire £18 per hour x 2.5 (this was subsequently corrected as the figure £18 relates to the whole building and should be amended to £13 per hour) <p>The annual costs were reported to be £3575 to include £250 p.a sundry expenses. BPHA funds £2000 to the group</p> <p>Rosie went on to inform the group of a new proposed initiative, to be held on Sunday afternoons to provide a forum and activities for families with children with disabilities and their siblings. Some funding had been achieved from St Neots Town Council.</p> <p>It was therefore proposed that Rosie, with support from George, set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which would include the senior youth group and the new one as above to fund both projects. This would avoid the need for LCFA to go through the charity registration process as discussed in the December meeting.</p> <p>So far there have been 8 young people attending the senior youth group. Declan will be doing some more development work and it was noted that as yet no publicity had been provided for the newsletter/website/Facebook page. It was suggested that a profile of the youth workers could be written, as well as the offer of a small incentive for parents such as free coffee.</p>	Rosie

	<p>The senior youth group is the only open group that Declan runs - other groups are for targeted individuals. The group is not just for Love's Farm – currently only 2 of the 8 attendees live here. It is proposed to set up a Youth Advisory Group with its own newsletter, with the aim of empowering and educating the group attendees and allowing them to contribute to the group organisation.</p> <p>There was some lengthy discussion on the merits of establishing a separate CIO for these 2 groups and the conclusion was to accept the proposal with appreciation. It was agreed that it was more straight forward to set up a CIO for a new group rather than amend the LFCA constitution to meet the requirements.</p> <p>Rosie said she had identified 5 trustees for the new CIO and was in negotiation with one other person</p> <p>ACTION Rosie and George to pursue the charity registration as outlined above</p>	
4	<p>Younger Youth Group</p> <p>Helene reported that 17 young people had attended the first session and 22 the second one. She felt that there would need to be a ceiling of 30 young people. Some equipment had been obtained on loan from Little Paxton Youth Club which was now closed. The table tennis table has bought by LFCA.</p> <p>This prompted a discussion about the lack of clarity about what and where various LFCA equipment was. Emma agreed to collate an inventory. Rosie said she had some equipment to donate but storage could be a problem.</p> <p>ACTION Emma to collate LFCA equipment inventory Rosie and Ben to discuss LFH storage capacity</p>	
5	<p>Charity Registration</p> <p>It was agreed that this should remain on the agenda until the CIO as discussed in item 2/3 is established</p>	Marcus
6	<p>LFCA logo redesign</p> <p>Marcus had not as yet had any further discussions with the designer. It was agreed the logo definitely needed updating and that the best way forward would be to coincide this with the relaunch of the website which Marcus felt he could devote more time to now that the matter of the charity registration was no longer his responsibility. It was felt important to include the image of the houses in the logo as it was such an identifiable representation of Love's Farm</p>	Marcus
7	<p>Stone Hill Local Highways Initiative Grant</p> <p>Ian and David attended the relevant meeting to make this grant application. They were allowed 3 minutes to present their case with 7 minutes for questions. The county council had estimated to provide yellow lines to alleviate the parking issues would cost £9,000 and St Neots Town Council were prepared to to pay the £900 – the required 10% of funding from an alternative source.</p> <p>Councillors suggested that residents should be parking in their designated spaces rather than on the road. They also asked if LFCA would be prepared to make a contribution to the cost. The decision should be made at the beginning of March with, the work carried out before the end of the</p>	

	<p>next financial year, if successful. If unsuccessful, it might be necessary to reapply next year</p> <p>There was also some discussion about a health and safety/risk assessment of the LF balancing ponds and the brook which is to take place following an incident elsewhere in the area. Julie informed us that relevant council officers could attend a meeting to discuss if requested.</p> <p>There was also a reference to speeding and an initiative called Speedwatch. Julie said she could provide more information on this if required</p>	
8	<p>Cambridge Road bus stops</p> <p>A concern had been raised about the delay in providing bus stops on Cambridge Road. Passengers on the X5 buses had to get off onto muddy verges. It was thought that the delay was because the council did want to incur expenditure because the road may be subject to further alteration. Some basic paving slabs would be an improvement. St Neots Town Council have agreed to fund bus shelters but putting lay-bys in place was a bigger and more expensive piece of work</p>	
9	<p>Grant Application – Brownies</p> <p>Keela had made a grant application for a new flag for the Brownies. The one they had at present was very ragged and 40 years old. In addition, there was a health and safety implication as there was no holster so only older brownies could carry the flag safely. The pack also wanted a specific reference to Love's Farm on their flag. The total cost involved was £113.50 to include holster, pole and storage bag.</p> <p>Keela left the room whilst the matter was discussed. The previously established rule was that only grants between £50 -£100 could be awarded and so it was agreed to pay the maximum amount of £100</p> <p>ACTION Keela to order the new flag</p>	
9	<p>Updates from working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dogs – next walk in February. Keela had tested the use of a pink spray to highlight the presence of dog waste. She was pleased to note that there wasn't much around but proposed a publicity campaign before continuing to use the spray ● Events – quiz and chocolate bingo continuing. Other future plans include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● an event to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday on Sunday 12 June - probably to take the form of an indoor street party at a cost of £2 per child ● Big Lunch – picnic on 3 September ● Olympic Day – 27 July – carnival atmosphere and to include opening ceremony on the big screen, time difference permitting. ● Sport Relief event – May – further details tba – may involve Andy Cross as he previously wanted to arrange a fun run ● Dance-a-thon – February half term ● SMART – there was a reasonable turn out at the last event with 2 trailers of rubbish collected. Next events 13 February and 19 March. Possible Pizza SMART in March. Discussion on a specific pond where there is a quantity of rubbish. Keep Britain Tidy have a new campaign “Clean for the Queen” 4-6 March - District Council can provide equipment. Contact Charlie Wilkins 	<p>Keela</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>Helene</p>

	<p>ACTION Emma to liaise re Pizza event Ian to advise relevant council official re pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Street Reps – support and encouragement to street reps to achieve a higher priority this year. Rebecca, Kim and Daniel to promote Neighbourhood Watch schemes ● Finance – David had provided a finance spreadsheet – approximately £5000 in the bank account. 	<p>Marcus</p> <p>David</p>
11	<p>Farm House update</p> <p>Ben reported Farm House activities settling in slowly with less income than expected but also less expenditure They now had a caretaker for 10 hours a week. LFH is to share the cost of the newsletter subject to trustee approval. The bar is doing really well with volunteer staff but consideration is being given to having paid bar staff. There had been some issues over LFH groups causing parking difficulties</p>	Ben
11	<p>AoB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parking – some difficulties as a result of cones in the road by Redrow homes but these are due to be removed shortly ● Travellers had been staying on Gallagher land by the substation but they had now left leaving much rubbish ● There have been Facebook complaints about Hoverboards. Emma had confirmed with the police that there were illegal in any where other than private land. It was also noted that electric scooters were noisy and should not be used on paths 	Marcus
	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 17 February 2016 ● 16 March 2016 ● 20 April 2016 ● 18 May 2016 ● 15 June 2016 ● 20 July 2016 ● 17 August 2016 ● 21 September 2016 ● 19 October 2016 ● 16 November 2016 ● 21 December 2016 	