

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTE

Item	Agenda item	Lead
1	Welcome and apologies	Marcus
	Attendees : Marcus Pickering, Emma Lovelock, Ben Pitt, Jenny Parris, George Yazigi, Rosemarie Ferguson, Ian Gardener, Kim Burrows, David Lancet, Steven Emberson, Opudo Abila	
	Apologies : Daniel Grant, David Wells, Keela Shackell-Smith, Julie Wisson Helene Tame, Barry Chapman	
2	Minutes/Actions from last meeting	
	The meeting reviewed the actions from the last meeting.	
	 Item 3 – see this agenda item 3 Item 4 - Emma has partially completed the inventory but awaits information from other people who may have LFCA property. There is some storage capacity at the Farm House Item 7 – Safety of balancing ponds and water courses. Ian informed that the council would be conducting a review in March or early April to assess the need for additional safety measures to protect young children. Council staff are available to come to this or a specific meeting to discuss the outcome of this review. 	
3	Senior youth update/CIO update	Rosie/George
	The Charitable Incorporated Organisation application is underway and the business plan is being finalised, to be sent off next week. Volunteers for the Special Needs group have been identified but those for the senior youth group have not been so easily achieved. All trustees have to be Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly Criminal Records Bureau) checked which necessitates additional admin and cost but it had been established that this could be done after the registration and so would not cause any delay.	
	Senior Youth Club is continuing to operate slowly. A day has been planned in the Easter holidays to market the club by approaching young people/door knocking/leaflet distribution. There was to be a 3 hour taster session. BPHA are happy to promote the club in their literature.	
	Last week there had been a further incident of Declan being on his own with one young person. This was attributed to a miscommunication between staff and it was agreed that there was a need for a strategy to deal with such circumstances.	
	Junior Youth Group continues to grow to the extent that there might be a need to restrict numbers due to lack of space. Alternate weeks or an earlier transfer to senior youth group was considered.	
	ACTION Rosie and George to continue the charity registration application	

4	Speedwatch	
	This is a volunteer campaign to monitor speed of traffic on the estate. Radar guns are available on loan to be used by volunteers to raise awareness of speed. There is no legally enforceable sanction although registration numbers can be passed on to the police. BPHA staff had recently received training from the police in another area.	
	There would need to be one person to act as a contact point and several volunteers prepared to run the campaign.	
	Marcus felt this group has other priorities but was prepared to support the campaign if there was sufficient interest	
	ACTION Marcus to put information on the website to ascertain level of interest	
5	Parking	Marcus
	The decision about yellow lines in Stone Hill is still awaited. There may be another avenue of aattack via the Town Council. Ian has expressed a desire for a meeting with the Highways Officer to look at wider parking issues. There was some discussion about the need for a public meeting but it was agreed that some proposals/ answers to address the issues were required for this to be a productive way forward.	
6	Cambridge Road bus stops	Marcus
	There has been a slight improvement in the situation in that the County Council has agreed to provide an area of hardstanding and are currently getting costs for this.	
7	Grass cutting Update	
	The District Council has produced a grass cutting schedule which was circulated. It stipulated minimum standards such as the grass on the walkways will be cut 8 times a year and the shrub beds should have no more than 15%-20% weed growth. If the specification is not adhered to lan can raise with the relevant council officers.	
	The highways grass verges belong to the County Council and so will only be cut twice a year. There is some ongoing discussion to see whether they can be reclassified as urban landscaping. The District Council has offered to take over cutting these providing ownership was passed over.	
	Ian suggested a walkabout the estate with the Operations Director	
8	New Logo	
	The designer has been given feedback from the group and further work on this was planned to coincide with website development.	
9	Farm House Update There is a new group for pre-school children run by Helene on Thursday mornings. The boot camp has ceased due to lack of attendance. There is a vacant slot on Thursday afternoons and Friendship group for the over 55s was suggested. The party hire charge has been raised by £15 to £65. Bar staff interviews are to take place this weekend	

	Updat	tes from working groups:	
	•	Dogs – Planned walk in February took place. There seemed to be an increase in dog waste and the running group had offered to use the spray can.	Keela
	•	Events – Future plans include:-	_
		 Dance-a-thon – February 18th 	Emma
		 Chocolate Bingo - March 31st 	
		 Easter Egg Hunt - 24th March April 10th 	
		• Sport Relief event – May 22nd Fun Run – registration at the Indian Camp from 9,30. All participants need to complete a pre race questionnaire. The route is 2.5 miles and the council have been consulted but there are no issues as there are only two roads to cross and no road closures. Serious runners start at 10am, Families at 10.30. Tesco will provide water bottles and Sports Relief will provide a banner if the event is registered with them	
		 Queens Tea Party June 10th 	
	•	SMART – clean for the Queen event planned for March 5 th . Free special bins have been promised and Pizza organised for participants.	Helene
		ACTION Marcus to put all above events on the website	
	•	Street Reps - Some Neighbourhood Watch schemes are now up and running. There was some discussion about having a specific street reps meeting.	Marcus
	•	Finance – no information available	David
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