

## **Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting** **April 13th 2005**

**Present:** Alan Snedker (BBOB Rugby Club), Karen Fruish, Brian Crutchley, Daphne Barritt, Gerry Burbage (NBC Housing Officer), Kerry Clarke, Rob Chadwick, Cllr Peter Evans (NBC), Cllr Marie Dickie (NCC), Navneeta Gahonia, PC Ron Frater

**Guests:** Lee Brown Street Football Officer (NBC).

**Apologies:** Mark Walker, John Wheeler, Sam Cooper-Evans, Kevin Gascoyne (NBC Housing Officer), Cllr Lee Barron (NBC), Margaret Andrews.

Abbreviations used:

SCF – Semilong Community Forum

NBC – Northampton Borough Council

NCC - Northamptonshire County Council

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were agreed.

### **Actions Outstanding:**

- ✓ Ron Frater will put letters through doors in streets where double parking is occurring.
- ✓ Steven to ask his employer for funding for SCF.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Street Football Project**

Lee Brown, Street Football Officer (NBC), attended our meeting to talk about the street football project for Semilong that will start in September 2005. Lee has been appointed recently for this 5 year project. Currently, the project is running in Thorplands, Blackthorn and Kingsheath. Semilong will be in addition to two other areas to have organised football training and tournaments taking place in the local MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) located at the top of Semilong Road. Notes below have been taken from details supplied from Lee:

#### **The proposed start of the project is September 2005**

Sessions to be delivered by coaches for Northampton Town F.C Football in the Community

#### ***Creating interest from local youngsters***

School visits will be booked prior to July at:

Spring Lane Primary School

Castle Primary School

I will also meet with the school sports co-ordinator at Unity College who will be able to promote the project with 13 – 16 year olds.

Contacts will be made with the following groups to arrange visits by our coaches prior to street football commencing

- ❑ Alliston Gardens youth club
- ❑ Lo-down
- ❑ Welford House
- ❑ Clarence House

## **School Holiday Activities**

During the school holidays 2 coaches from Northampton Town Football in the Community will deliver sessions at the M.U.G.A on the following dates:

Friday's - August 5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
2pm – 4pm

## **Advertising the project**

Posters / flyers will be distributed to local shops and any other businesses that may be able to create an interest.

## ***Volunteers***

If there is anyone from Semilong interested in becoming a volunteer in September when the project begins, who would like the opportunity to attend F.A coaching courses and receive tickets to watch the Cobblers both free, please put then in contact with me so I could discuss the project with them.

## ***M.U.G.A Floodlighting***

Due to the saturation of the CASPAR funds in Semilong there is unfortunately no money available at present for floodlighting. Also following a conversation with a CASPAR officer, at the time of the M.U.G.A's construction there was a large objection by local residents to floodlights being erected.

I will look into other ways that floodlights could possibly be funded, although the solution will possibly be that during winter months when it is dark early evening the sessions take place on a Saturday.

Any other thoughts or feedback would be most welcome.

Lee's notes end

Peter Evans said that it was important that the project engaged with the local residents who live around the MUGA.

## **ALLISTON GARDENS AGM**

Brian informed the forum that Alliston Gardens would be holding their AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> April (8.00pm start, Main Hall). He had learnt that the current management committee would be standing down from their posts and that for the community centre to continue doing the good work that it does a new management committee would have to be elected. Brian asked if anyone from the forum was interested in joining the Alliston Gardens management committee. No members of the forum came forward as they felt that they were already stretched with the work they do for the forum and did not want to take on any more work load. Brian and Karen agreed that they would however attend the AGM to represent the forum and offer their support, but would not stand to be on the Alliston Gardens committee.

## **SOCIAL HOUSING**

Gerry said that there had been reports from residents that there had been sightings of discarded needles around the MUGA Ron said that he had not seen any on his rounds. Ron said that there had been a problem with the lock on the door to the flats 116-119 Semilong Road.

## **CRIME**

Ron Frater said that he had had a lot of positive feedback about the road barriers on Harding Terrace. There had been some increase in crime recently but Ron was aware of the perpetrator and this has been dealt with. He added that there had also been some juvenile nuisance due to youngsters coming in from another area that had had a dispersal order. The project to tackle vice activity was ongoing.

### **Actions:**

- ✓ No Actions

## **EVENTS**

Brian has sent an email to Lee Barron about the tents and Lee had replied saying that he would sort this out. Karen had also written a letter asking for the tents for the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Actions:**

- ✓ No Actions

## **EDUCATION**

No actions this month

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mark was not available for comment

## **ENVIRONMENT – GREEN**

Margaret was not able to order the bulbs for the memorial garden as the supplier supplies them in the autumn so these will be ordered later this year.

Margaret had made contact with Barclays regarding volunteers and she now has a contact at that organisation

### **Actions:**

- ✓ Margaret to contact NBC regarding the planting of the wild flowers.

## **ENVIRONMENT - URBAN**

Rob had found out that the recycling banks at Alliston Gardens are now permanent. Rob had also found a funding stream for the lamp post Hanging

Baskets for Semilong Rd. It is hoped that local businesses would want to fund the hanging baskets in the future.

**Actions**

- ✓ Rob to look at costs of hanging baskets

**COMUNICATION**

The semilong website is now operational again after moving the site to a different web hosting company.

It was suggested that we had another 'open meeting/community event' before the AGM to try and encourage more people to be involved in the Forum – this will be planed subject to the availability of Alliston Gardens. Brian suggested that this is at least 4 weeks before the AGM as sufficient notice would have to be given to the community. The date of the AGM is yet to be set.

Karen said that Lee Brown would be able to ask for volunteers for the street football at the event if he is able to attend.

**Actions**

- ✓ Brian will organise publication of literature to promote the open meeting and the next AGM
- ✓ Brian to ask Steve Richards about availability of Alliston Gardens at their AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> April

**RECRUITMENT**

Nothing this month

**Any Other Business**

Brian handed out copies of the picture that was taken of the forum receiving their local hero's award at the police headquarters.

**Next Meeting:**

BBOB Rugby Club, St Andrews Road.

**Tuesday 10th May 2005 7.30 – 9-30pm**

Minutes Agreed (signed)

Chair

Date

Secretary

Date