

Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting August 8th 2007

Present: Mr R Briggs, Caroline Humphries, Ted Cotton Jack Thompson, Pam Thompson, Daphne Barritt, Steven Richards, Steven Wekcyko, Rob Chadwiok, Brian Crutchley, Tony Clarke, Zoë Martin, Ally Dunn Wendy Howes, Janet Poole, Wyn Gordon, Jon Moffet

Apologies: Sarah Major, Ruth & Allen Taylor, Ann Timpson Jennifer Kenny,

Abbreviations Used:

SCF - Semilong Community Forum

NBC – Northampton Borough Council

NCC – Northamptonshire County Council

AGYCC – Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre

MUGA-Multi use games area (at the bottom of Semilong Road)

WDNC-West Northamptonshire Development Corporation

PCSO- Police community support officer

The meeting opened at 7.35pm and was chaired by Zoë Martin

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters arising from the last meeting

Zoe raised a couple of items from the last minutes:

Zoe had reported to Street Doctor that the trees at Millers Meadow needed their lower branches removing. There had been no response and the work had not been carried out yet.

Zoe had not managed to secure anyone from housing to attend our meetings. Wendy Howes said that a representative would only attend in their own time which is why it had been difficult to have someone attend.

Further actions outstanding from previous minutes

No outstanding actions

Social Housing

Jack and Pam Thompson reported that their front door had been repaired at their flats.

Tony Clarke has been looking into how many HiMOs (House in multiple occupation) there are in the area with the planning department. This was to ensure that more were not unnecessarily approved to the detriment of the area.

It was noted that the planning application for 3 Semilong Road had been approved.

Actions No Actions

Neighbourhood Warden Andy Langton

Andy Langton reported the work he has done in since the last meeting:

- *Arranged for the removal of 20 untaxed vehicles*
- *Served eight Section 46 waste notices*
- *Visited seven community groups*
- *Given out crime prevention advice packs to 14 people*
- *Checked out seven derelict buildings*
- *Dealt with 46 fly tipping incidents*
- *Reported seven highway faults*
- *Responded to nine complaints from local business*
- *Dealt with 12 complaints from local residents*

- *Found and disposed of 13 hypodermic needles*
- *Removed 32 illegal fly posters*

Zoe asked if there were still any problems occurring around the MUGA. Jon said that it had vastly improved in recent weeks.

Andy added that he had been removing graffiti from the milers Meadow play area that morning.

Actions

No actions

Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre

Stephen had nothing to report that wouldn't be covered in other sections of the meeting.

Events

Zoe had arranged a date for a multi cultural event to take place at Alliston Gardens YCC on the 8th September (Saturday 10am – 4pm). Zoe has secured £300 of funding and has arranged for a children's play to take place called The Hungry Caterpillar based on the popular children's book which teaches them about healthy eating. Other groups that use the centre will also be represented and a band will also be performing.

Zoe suggested that we could have a BBQ in Community Garden and asked if anyone had a large BBQ and a food safety hygiene certificate?

Zoe asked for assistance on the day and a number of people volunteered.

Stephen said that we would only be covered by the public liability insurance whilst in the AGYCC and would not be covered in the community garden.

Rob said that the friends of the racecourse group were holding a BBQ on the 15th September between 4 – 7 pm at the Hood Street entrance to the racecourse. There will be games and they are catering for about 300 people. They will also be providing us with flyers to distribute with our newsletter at the beginning of September. Rob asked for volunteers to make up a tug-of-war team.

Actions

- *Brian to help Zoe with the production of posters*
- *Zoe to contact people with information about tasks to be done.*

Treasurers update

There is no change from last months balance: The balance is£ 452.36

Environment Green

Zoe had been to see the master plans proposed by the Healthy Living Hub project held at the Picturedrome at the end of July. There were 3 main proposals where to locate the HLH centre. 1 the centre of the racecourse, 2 near the pavilion (because of existing car park), 3 near the Barrack Road. A fourth option was to be near Military Road.

A further consultation will be taking place at the balloon festival and they will also be at next months meeting.

Actions

Environment Urban

Rob had a number of letters from NBC planning department but there was no new information that hadn't

been distributed before.

Rob had a letter regarding a Safer Routes to School scheme that is planned for St. Georges School. He is waiting for the plans to arrive in the post and will get them distributed electronically for feedback

Zoe asked if there were any more comment that needed feeding back to the developers of 55 Barrack Road. The list of comments already given was circulated round the room.

Tony Clarke added that the Duke of Edinburgh pub had been sold to the Health Centre and that they were hoping to secure some S106 money from the development of 55 Barrack Road. Tony suggested writing to Adrian Arnold at WNDG on behalf of AGYCC to ensure that they were also considered for S106 money.

Actions

Rob to circulate the plans for the Safer Routes to School when available.

Communication

Brian said that he would circulate a list of the deadline dates for submission of articles for the newsletter. He hoped to publish the newsletter on the 1st September

Actions

Brian to circulate details about the newsletter.

Crime

Zoe had been sent a letter regarding the barriers on Harding Terrace, the proposal to remove them has been dropped and the barriers will be staying.

It was stated that St Georges Street has had some congestion issues from parents dropping off and collecting their children.

Jon stated that car crime, theft and criminal damage had been the main focus of the safer Community Team in the past few weeks and their priority for the next month would be Parking issues. Pam Thompson asked why there were not better yellow lines on the corners on street to prevent dangerous parking.

Tony Clarke said that he had resigned from being a Special Constable. He commended the amount of work they had done and the work that the police do.

Pam asked if dogs should be on a lead at all times, Jon said that dogs should have a collar on at all times but did not have to be on a lead. The number for Dog Wardens is 837837.

AOB

The AGM will be held on the 19th September and that there would be a regular meeting on the 12th.

The next meeting is on 12th September 2007 at the BBOB Rugby Club on St. Andrews Road at 7.30 – 9.30pm

Minutes Agreed (signed)

Chair Date

Secretary Date