

## **Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting**

**March 12th 2008**

**Present:** Daphne Barrit, Ann Timson, Caroline Humphries, Robert Briggs, Ruth Pott-Negrine (Chron), Alastair Melton, Stephen Welyczko, Zoe Martin, Ally Dunn, Julia Morgan, PCSO Ray Thorpe, Steven Richards

**Apologies:** Jack Thompson, Rob Chadwick, Brian Crutchly, Andy Langton, Peter Slack, Tony Clarke, Brian Binley, Hannah Hunting, Michelle Aveyard

### **Abbreviations Used:**

**SCF** - Semilong Community Forum

**NBC** - Northampton Borough Council

**NCC** - Northampton County Council

**AGYCC** - Alliston gardens Youth and Community Centre

**MUGA** - Multi Use Games Area

**WNDC** - West Northamptonshire Development Corporation

**PCSO** - Police Community Support Officer

**FOR** - Friends of the Racecourse

**NHW** - Neighbourhood Warden

**JAG** - Joint Action Group

**HiMO** - Houses of Multi Occupation

**The meeting opened at 7:40pm and was chaired by Zoe Martin**

**The minutes of the last meeting were amended and agreed.**

**Matters arising from the last meeting - None**

### **Neighbourhood Warden**

#### **AGYCC**

##### **Update from Steven Richards**

The application for the copier grant has not been made yet.

An application to CASPAR Plus has been made to maintain the community cafe.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

##### **Update from SW**

No Change. Balance £513.75

AD asked for some stamps to be bought from the account for sending out minutes.

Proposal agreed by the Forum

**Action** SW to get stamps

#### **Environment Urban**

##### **Update by Ray Thorpe**

A new Action group has been formed to move things forward regarding the problems at St George's Primary school - members include Steve Summers from CASPAR +, PCSO Ray Thorpe, Jim Asprey of Denmans Electrical, Lee Malmorans Head teacher and Teresa Elkin, Chair of Governors. The next meeting date for the steering group is 2nd April at 4:30. The new housing developers have offered £50,000 to help ease

the parking problems. Head teacher, Lee Malmorans is contacting all schools in the county regarding the problem.

HIMO - Next meeting is on Tuesday 18th March with Tony Clarke. During the meeting a list of proposals will be drawn up of possible outcomes from the survey.

## **Environment Green**

### **Update from ZM**

Andy Langton is trying to contact the owners of the fence on St Andrew's road next to the new development as it has been blown down and looks dangerous.

Mrs Thompson noted that some people had started to congregate in Miller's Meadow again to drink alcohol. They were also urinating in the park.

## **Health**

### **Update by Steven Richards**

The Breath Easy group met today - 12th March. It was well attended. Wednesdays are health days now with various groups meeting each week. Details of the meetings will be posted in the centre.

## **Crime**

### **Update from Ray Thorpe**

There were no major issues to report. Ray was focussing on Graffiti removal for his latest project.

At the last JAG meeting, Lee Stevens was heading up a new initiative for the Semilong area involving using SMART water on selected streets in the area to help reduce burglary crime in the area. Any recovered goods or captured criminals could be screened to see if they had touched stolen items using the SMART water technology. Its expensive and only about 400-600 homes would be targeted for the project.

## **AOB**

SR - There is a smashed window at AGYCC but it was caused by a group who use the centre and not by vandals. It was to be replaced shortly.

ZM - The council were inviting applications from interested areas to take part in a green survey to improve the area in question's carbon footprint. ZM asked if the forum would like to be involved. It was agreed that ZM would find out more on behalf of the forum.

RT - explained that there was a castle home Safety Scheme available for families with children under 5. They were entitled to a free home visit to improve the safety of their home which included receiving a stair guard and smoke alarm and fire safety check. Interested families should contact the fire service or health visitor.

Meeting closed at 20:03

Next meeting Wed 9th April