

Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting

March 11 2009

Present: Zoë Martin, Steven Richards, Ruth Pott-Negrine, Jen Kenny, Stephen Welyczko, Andy Langton, Pam Thompson, Jack Thompson, Ann Timson, Gemma Craigie, Ben Sharland

Apologies: , Daphne Barritt, MP Brian Binley, Cllr Tess Scott, Michelle Aveyard, Brian Crutchley, Rob Chadwick, Mike Kenny, Cllr Tony Clarke, Jonathan Evans-Southall

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 in Multi Occupation

NISG - Northampton Irish Support Group

CFC - Climate Friendly Communities

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The meeting opened at 7:35pm and was chaired by Zoë Martin

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed,

Actions from last meeting

1. ZM had forwarded a list of pot holes to NCC via Street Doctor but had still not received a response.
2. RC write a draft letter regarding HiMO applications for NBC Planning Rob not at meeting so rolled over to next meeting
3. No police representatives were available to provide distraction burglary posters.
4. BC to mail picture of Memorial Garden to Ruth at Chron. This has been done, but Ruth wasn't able to use as final decision on articles down to editor.
5. BC has renewed website £159 invoices to be passed on to Stephen.

Andy Langton – Neighbourhood Warden

Andy reported that his post has now been renamed as environmental warden in a team of 9 there are 3 other posts of environmental crime officers which are based around the town centre. He is still covering Ward as of 1/4/09 but also the total area is larger.

The post office on Barrack Road has now been fenced off by Royal Mail. Residents commented on it and will report any displacement into Semilong.

Action: No

Steven Richards - AGYCC

Steven told the forum that the centre is hoping to become a Credit Union pay in point and there will be an application form in the next issue of Springboard.

The Irish Support group are helping to fund colour drums for the new printer.

Jack praised the bulletin boards

Action: No Actions

Health

Michelle was unable to attend, no update.

Gemma said that there was an international women's day event at Castle Hill UF Church from 9-7 pm lots of activities.

Finance

Stephen reported no movement in the funds

Standing at £429.68 Cash in Hand £3.53

However the website is due to go out when Brian hands Invoices to Stephen.

Urban

ZM said that she would organise another litter count.

Brian had looked into the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on St Andrews road from 106 funding from the flat development, but unable to get a contact name

.Money needs to be raised if not sufficient from the developers. AT said that Marie Dickie could help with this

Action:

ZM to set date for litter count

Environment Green

Climate Friendly Communities

No new update as yet

Play Builder / Sensory Garden – Millers Meadow

No update

Grafton Street Memorial Garden

Stephen had done some research in the library which he passed on to Gemma. It had been in the paper and Gemma had received some information from people who remembered it. Passed on to J E-S

HIMO survey

ZM to chase up interested party

Action:

ZM to chase up interested party to start planning for survey.

Communication

Welcome packs will be ready to be printed soon.

Action:

BC to forward receipts to SW once website contract renewed.

Crime

No representatives were present this month.

AM said that following the police survey given out at a previous meeting he was unhappy about having his details on show to anyone, wondered how others felt about taking it up with the chief. AT felt that people should always be given the choice. The forum commented on the timescale being very short. This led to a discussion on what data should be allowed and published by agencies such as the police.

There has been a 7% reduction in crime Castle-wide. ZM was asked if there had been any dispersal from the old P.O site .None seen by any residents.

Actions

ZM to ask police about feedback from survey

AOB

ZM has received an email from Sam at SWAN following last months meeting following an article in the Chron. ZM read out the email which stressed that discussions are underway about the PAZ, but no firm decision has been made.

The forum discussed why men are prosecuted for kerb crawling.

ZM told the forum about an associates program where she can apply for funding for a project from AVON some initial ideas were discussed. ZM will put this as an item on the next agenda.

GC said that there is a community writer's course Saturday and Sunday 28-19th March all are welcome.

Actions

No Actions.

Date of Next Meeting

8th April 2009

Change of venue

Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=Alliston+Gardens,+Northampton+NN2,+United+Kingdom&oe=utf-8&client=firefox-a&ie=UTF8&hl=en&cd=1&geocode=FdY1HQMdyUby_w&split=0&sll=53.800651,-4.064941&sspn=6.881357,14.941406&z=16&iwloc=addr

Meeting closed at 20.30