



## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 in the Partners Room, Waitrose

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### **PRESENT**

Penny Hoskyn (Chair)

Emma Davis

Ross Goodman

Richard Thomas

Wade Pollard

David Fisher

Roland Nevett

Sally Cantello

Cllr.. Richard Wilson

Cllr. Gary Elsom

Chris Dougherty (Secretary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from David Hastie, Pauline Hedges and Phil Wilson who were unable to attend.

### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Some adjustments were made to the minutes of the last meeting and these will be corrected before the minutes go on the website.

3. The Chair welcomed Sally Cantello who has volunteered to be the editor of the Neighbourhood Plan and has asked to be on the Committee. Also Roland Nevett was asked to be on the Forum Committee.

Sally Cantello was proposed by Richard Thomas and Seconded by Wade Pollard

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### **4. Update from the Chair**

it has been a very busy month with the drop in on 13th April. What has become clear is that many residents are against the redevelopment of sheer house because it would affect future plans of west

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Byfleet. Most residents are against the development of a hotel.

The local traders conditionally support a hotel with the condition being that the hotel will have a daily tariff; this will prevent Companies and the Council block booking rooms for many months for possible housing.

Richard Wilson our councilor also pointed out that when Crossrail 2 is active which will make Wimbledon a rail hub, this will make west Byfleet even more of a desirable place to live, with Wimbledon being only 20 minutes by train.

5. **Feedback from drop in evening 13.4 15**

Feedback was excellent with nearly 100 questionnaires, filled in, both on line and on the night. 55% of the people who filled in the questionnaire were over 60, and it was hoped to get younger people involved. Membership of the forum has now increased and the evening was reported in the local press.

6. **Grant Application,**

This has proved very complicated with a massive amount of questions in a 35 page document. The grant which could be as much as 8k with extra for technical support if needed must be used within 6 months. WBFC has requested 7k with a start date of the 1 May.

No confirmation is received that the application has arrived and any grant remaining after 6months must be returned to the government.

7. **Planning Consultant**

It was thought to appoint Nigel McGurk who both Hook Heath Forum and Pyrford Forum have spoken very highly about. If employed it will take him about 14 hours to complete the Plan as he is very experienced. It was thought Nigel McGurk was the best person for West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum, and if cleared by Locality would probably be employed.

8. **Proposed Structure of The West Byfleet Neighbourhood Plan.**

The way the plan would be structured was discussed and it was decided that it would be further discussed at a meeting with the group leaders on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

9. **Any other Business**

We will be having 2 stalls at the St John's Fete on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and also at West Byfleet Live on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Partners Room at Waitrose.

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