

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Social Club
Date: 8th February 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Stewart Dick, Ian McAtamney, Mike Corbett, Keith Creswell, Fran MacKay, Dharma Sivarasingham, Cllr Elson
Apologies: Chris Dougherty, Emma Davis, Rebecca Bradshaw, Josh Brown, Daryl Jordan, Peter Graves (Councillors)

Agenda items

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1. Apologies were received as above.
2. The Minutes of the 11th January 2023 meeting and the revised 9th November 2022 meeting were approved and signed by WP.
3. Finances

KC reported that the account with Lloyds Bank has been opened and monies will be transferred to it. There were significant expenses to report.

4. Botanical Place Liaison Group

The meeting this week concentrated on the naming of the five houses within the development. Residents have given many good suggestions. RVG will make a decision about those chosen and seek approval for them from WBC and SCC in the Spring. SD agreed to seek re-assurance that the letting of the community space within the development to SCC for a library will happen. ~~-not directly by it-~~

4. Community Centre

WP, SD and GE reported on a recent positive meeting with Julie Fisher the Chief Executive of Woking BC to discuss progress. The Council will work on a proposal for new facilities to be built and report back to us in March.

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5. Recreation Ground Improvements

Agreed to ask Councillor Amanda Boote and Councillor Josh Brown to outline progress on the two projects to members at the AGM. These are the installation of new tennis courts and exercise equipment.

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WP reported that the AGM will now be held on 1st March at 7.00pm at the Catholic Community Hall in West Byfleet at 7.00pm

7. Community Gardening Group

WP gave an update on their proposed activities for 2023. Committee members re-iterated their support and thanks for the great job done by the group.

AOB

KC reported on the question asked by him to the Woking Executive committee at their meeting last week. This was about the installation of a shared walking and cycle path between Broadoaks Park to the new bridge over the M25 on the the Broadoaks Park side. We hope this brings it a step closer to implementation.

SD reported that Woking BC have agreed to put a blanket Tree Preservation Order on all trees within GB9 and GB9A (the land around West Hall) and to ensure like for like replacement for any trees that may be impacted by possible planning applications. This will help protect them should a planning application for housing be submitted. SD to report when it is formally adopted.

WP reported on a meeting today with the Planning team at Woking BC who are preparing a new Core Strategy for Woking. The Committee noted with sadness the death of Ernest Amoako, senior planner at Woking BC who had given the Forum much sound advice and assistance.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.00pm at Camphill Social Club