

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Social Club
Date: 13th September 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Stewart Dick, Keith Creswell, Fran MacKay, Chris Dougherty, Josh Brown and Councillors Dorsett, Graves and Jordan
Apologies: Mike Corbett, Ian McAtamney, Emma Davis, Richard Thomas, Dharma Sivarasingham and Amanda Boote

Agenda items

ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.
2. The Minutes of the June 2023 meetings was approved.

3.AGM

Agreed to defer setting a date until the next meeting.

4. Botanical Place Liaison Group

The meeting was held in West Byfleet and included a useful site visit where progress is good. The scheme will be completed in 3 stages of which Block C will be first. It faces Lavendar Park Road and the Church, followed by Block B which fronts onto old Woking Road. Higgins agreed to remove the graffiti. The library will be in Block B and negotiations about it are continuing between WBC and SCC. These may need some pushing by the community to get them over the line.

5. Recreation Ground Improvements

A meeting was held with Council officials on 7th September. A comprehensive note of it is annexed to these minutes. It was felt that good progress was made. It is overshadowed by the need for the Council to save further money from its budget. This may involve closure of our pavilion. We await the result of a community consultation. Agreed to ask Councillor Nicholson, portfolio holder for Green Spaces and Leisure to address the Residents' Association Committee about this. It may be that community groups are asked to run pavilions and/or recreation ground facilities. Agreed that if this is the case the Forum will research the options of how to do so.

It is expected that our tennis courts application will go to the Woking Executive in October.

Agreed to seek a further meeting with Mark Ferguson at the Council to assess the next steps for the redevelopment of the pavilion.

6. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

There are no new numbers to report.

7. Community Gardening Group

The new planters made by Men-in-Sheds have been installed on the Station platform. Volunteers continue to meet regularly.

The next meeting will be on 11th October.