

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Social Club
Date: 8th November 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Stewart Dick, Keith Creswell, Fran MacKay, Chris Dougherty, Keith Elford, Josh Brown, Steve Dorsett, Dharma Sivarasingham, Ian McAtamney and Mike Corbett
Apologies: Fran MacKay, Emma Davis, Peter Graves, Daryl Jordan, Chris Martin and Amanda Boote

Agenda items

ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.

2. The Minutes of the October 2023 meeting were approved. The Committee members noted that Isabelle David had agreed to join the Committee to represent the Community Gardening Group and looked forward to meeting her at the next meeting.

3. AGM

Noted that it will be held on 29th November, at the Catholic Church Community Hall.

4. Botanical Place Liaison Group

The Liaison Group met. Building progress continues. Windows have been installed in Block C and facing bricks for it are on site. Thames Water are replacing pipes along Madeira Road. A Community Calendar for 2024 is being put together. Our thanks to Higgins Group for the £1,500 donation for Christmas trees for the local shops and help putting up lights and the murals. Agreed to put a small group together to discuss the future of the road layout around the site.

5. Treasurers Report

This was discussed and agreed to be approved at the AGM and is attached.

6. West Byfleet Together (WBT)

WBT is receiving donations towards the Christmas event on 25th November.

5. Recreation Ground Improvements

WP noted that the Woking Executive will discuss our application for new tennis courts at its meeting this month. The Council consultation on the future of its 13 pavilions closes on 11th November.

6. Community Infrastructure Levy

There are no new numbers to report.

7. Community Gardening Group (WBCGG)

Congratulated the Group on winning an award for “Stations in bloom”. The Group has taken over the maintenance of the five community planters in West Byfleet as Woking Council cannot afford to do so. They are in a sorry state of repair and discussions will be with the developer of Botanical Place about sponsoring replacements.

8. Woking Council

Noted that the Chief Executive, Julie Fisher has tendered her resignation and will leave early in the New Year.

The next meeting will be on 10th January 2024. Subsequent meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month.