

## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Social Club  
Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Time: 7.00pm  
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Stewart Dick, Keith Creswell, Fran MacKay, Chris Dougherty, Keith Elford, Josh Brown, Steve Dorsett, Daryl Jordan and Chris Martin, Ian McAtamney and Mike Corbett  
Apologies: Emma Davis, Richard Thomas, Dharma Sivarasingham, Peter Graves and Amanda Boote

### Agenda items

ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.

2. The Minutes of the September 2023 meeting was approved. The Committee members welcomed two new Committee members, Keith Elford who is the Vicar of St. Johns' Church and Chris Martin who is a Local Councillor.

3. AGM

Agreed to set a potential date of 29<sup>th</sup> November (subsequently confirmed), to be held again at the Catholic Church Community Hall. Noted that a new priest had recently been appointed there, Father Erin.

4. Botanical Place Liaison Group

The work is progressing and apparently is still within the timeframe set to finish. There has been a problem with concrete blocking local road drains from adjoining sites. Thames Water are clearing these. There is not much progress letting the community space to SCC for the Library. This involves WBC too. Agreed to ask AB how to progress this.

5. Treasurers Report

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

6. West Byfleet Together (WBT)

This Group was "West Byfleet Live". It has reformed and been renamed. The first event organized will be Christmas Lights. WBT will become a subgroup within WBNF (similar to WBCGG) and it was agreed to maintain a "Restricted" ledger account on its behalf within WBNF accounts. WBT will benefit from our overall banking and insurance facilities. The WBT sub-committee chair will be a WBNF Committee member as with WBCGG.

5. Recreation Ground Improvements

WP and SD reported on a meeting they held with Mark Ferguson, subsequent to which draft plans for a potential Community Hall we sent to us and have been circulated to the Committee. These included a potential car park within the Recreation Ground. Both IM and DS are against such a proposal. No formal vote was held. Such a decision would only be made after consultation with our members and local residents. It is hoped that the tennis courts application will be approved by the Council in November. There is however insufficient funding available to proceed at present. It is hoped the gym equipment application will move forward at the same time. SD reported that Cllr Ellen Nicholson portfolio holder for Leisure and Green Spaces will attend the RA meeting later this month to outline the potential closure of 13 Borough pavilions including West Byfleet. SD will report back following this.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

There are no new numbers to report.

#### 7. Community Gardening Group (WBCGG)

Agreed a grant of £400 for bulbs and plants.

The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November.