

Chellaston Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2008 at Chellaston Community Centre

Present: John Bowden (Chairman), Ian Colder (Secretary), John Crone (Treasurer), Keerthi Devendra, Bryan Radford, Trish Radford, Cllr Harvey Jennings, Cllr Matthew Holmes.

Apologies for absence: Linda Winter, Cllr. Phil Ingall, Daniel Stevens.

The meeting was opened at 8.00pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting (3rd March 08) were accepted as a true record.

Items outstanding from previous meetings:

Promotional material (MW)

West Chellaston BBC programme – Harvey Jennings has been unable to obtain a copy of the programme and this will no longer be pursued.

Vodafone/Cassiopea: The University of Derby is in discussion with Vodafone re measurement hosting, but there are aspects of the process that the University are not happy with. IJC to contact university to determine the outcome of their deliberations on this matter.

Student photographer – IJC to follow up.

Children's Centre at the Junior School – KD is chairing meeting at school to discuss this project on Wed 14th May. He will report progress at the next meeting. (KD).

Chairman's Report:

John Bowden welcomed Cllr Matthew Holmes to the meeting and congratulated him on his success. John said that he envisaged that there would be a few interesting weeks / months after the change of complexion of the new Council.

Financial: The Treasurer informed the meeting that following the collection at the AGM, the current account is in the black, but there is a need to pursue revenue streams eg. website advertising.

Harvey Jennings confirmed that the Youth Club would continue to be held each Friday and he hoped that an extra night could be introduced in the future.

Keerthi Devendra said that the Junior School was looking for support from the Council for new buildings, which would also be available for community use. This would also be discussed at the school meeting on the 14th May. Cllr Jennings agreed to attend this meeting in his capacity as a school governor.

It had come to our notice that an east Chellaston Residents' Association is in the process of being formed. Cllr Jennings confirmed that this is indeed true. An inaugural meeting has been held with Derby Homes, the police and other bodies. He reported that the proposed activities were more akin to those of Chellaston Community Association. The CRA's position is that there should be one Residents' Association only and the Chairman said that he would welcome new committee members from both the east and west estates. Debbie Scoffin to be contacted to try to resolve this issue. (JB)

JB to also discuss this with Linda Winter, Chairman of the CCA.

Review of the AGM and Forum:

It was felt that both the venue and start time should be reviewed for 2009. Since the Brownies use the Centre until 7.30pm, it gives very little time for setting up of seating, AV equipment, etc. Also, there were problems of the public coming in to the Centre while the children were trying to get out. Cllr Jennings suggested that Chellaston School would be a better venue, preferably with an earlier start time. It was agreed that this would be looked at early next year.

Although a radio microphone was available, it was not used. This was because the coverage was poor and most people could be heard without it.

The collection this year was a success because it was taken early in the proceedings.

The lack of committee members at the meeting resulted in a burden on those members present, in terms of setting up and organisation.

Other matters:

The date of the public exhibition for Chellaston Business Park has still not been set. The problem appears to be the venue. It was suggested that Wilson Bowden, the developers, should be contacted regarding using the Community Centre. JB to furnish HJ with contact details.

It had been suggested that the CRA should hold joint meetings with the Neighbourhood Forum. Cllr Jennings clarified that the AGM could be combined with the Neighbourhood Forum. However, John Bowden said that he had reservations. In particular, we already filled to capacity at the AGM and that the CRA has different objectives to that of the Neighbourhood Forum. It was felt that at the next AGM, a ten minute promotion of the NF's activities would be appropriate.

The 'youth shelter' on the recreation ground had not progressed and Steve Medlock from the Parks Dept will be approached to give a target date for installation. HJ to contact.

Trish Radford advised the meeting that the seating on Pit Close recreation ground had been removed at the request of a Councillor, who had agreed to reinstate in a new position, when the 'youth shelter' on the previously mentioned park has been completed. TR said that this was causing inconvenience, particularly to elderly park users.

Cllr Jennings confirmed that no planning applications had been submitted for the sites of the Red Lion, Lawns, British Legion and Catholic Church. It was suggested that when the Red Lion site is developed, it should incorporate a bus lay-by, but it was felt that this would not materialise, since developers want to use every inch of space.

It was noted that one of the PCSOs had left the area to take up full time training with the police. This reduction in the beat team will be taken up with the Inspector. HJ to contact

Committee member details to be updated by the Secretary.

Date of next meeting: 7th July

Dates for future meetings:

1st September

3rd November

5th January 2009

2nd March

30th March AGM ?

Meeting closed at 10.10pm