

ONE NORBITON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Meeting held at the Kingston University On Wednesday, 28 November at 6 PM

Acting chair : Dr Mike D'Souza

Present: Jill Preston, John Hall, Denise Parry, Kate White (Community Connected) & Kate Appleford (Kingston University)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome & introductions

These were made.

The meeting began with an interesting recorded focus group led by Kate Appleford to assist with the University's One Norbiton evaluation agenda.

After this it progressed to the main meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2012

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

To be addressed in later items.

a) **Community Connected /Superhighways** - Kate W. explained how her charity Community Connected was based for two days a week in the Community Shop on CRE. It gave residents free PCs and was providing IT support to community and Voluntary Groups. Its target was was to develop among other things e-democracy. At last it was progressing to deliver free Internet connection to the two estates. Delays due to Legalities were now solved and it was hoped that WiFi connection would start in January. The service would be provided by Wi- finity. This would be free for a "White list" of sites using limited bandwidth. More data could be purchased by users for a top-up fee.

b) **Enlargement and use of consultant panel.** The plan to enlarge our consultant to 150 was discussed in the light of the next agenda item

c) **One Norbiton calendar and Discussion on ways of spending the 5K grant from the RBK Communications Team** - Despite our assumptions to the contrary, it became apparent that our last meetings decisions had not been conveyed to John Haynes (JH)at RBK Communications. Although DP was present (standing in for Carlos) and had passed the message on to her line manager it had not been passed on by him to JH. The chair had already apologised for our appearing rude, but improvement in intergroup communications by our attached officers is clearly required. We resolved to finally sort this out by meeting with JH and Carlos to discuss our agreed plans which were

i) To design and print a One Norbiton Calendar based on the Balsall Heath design. This would be given to our panel, committee and LIS partners.

ii) A poster/ leaflet campaign

Delivered by Our proposed One Norbiton Task force.

Denise agreed to set up this meeting with JH and Carlos.

Any other Business

The issue of the consultation of Cambridge Rd residents on their wishes for the expenditure of the £75k grant was discussed. The difficulty of doing this without realistic knowledge of what could be purchased with this sum; what items the Residents had requested that, being part of the budget for normal repair work should not be purchased with this money, was again discussed. Denise agreed to raise these issues with Des.

History Project - Jill informed the meeting that she had been approached to help with an oral history project involving the elderly in Norbiton. It was agreed that this might be an excellent way of One Norbiton making contact with some of our isolated elderly.

Date & time of next meeting

This was fixed at Thursday 10th January 2013 . At 2.00pm in the Community Shop