



'ONE NORBITON, WORKING TOGETHER'

Meeting Title:	Community Working Group
Date and Time:	22 nd February 2016 6.30pm Federation ANNEX, Tadlow
Venue Address:	Piper Hall
Present	Dr Mike D'Souza, Jill Preston, Penny Shelton, Ed Naylor, Phil Hutchinson, Clive Clarke, Michael Mangan, Maundy Todd, Alma White, Thea Lloyd, Chris Coke, , Elaine Kennedy
Apologies	Nina Burich (RBK RPT) Cllr S Griffin

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1.	<p><u>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. As there were a couple of new faces he asked everyone to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted with the Chair offering condolences to Elaine Kennedy on the recent loss of her husband Mal. This was unanimously agreed</p>	
2	<p><u>MINUTES OF 11th November 2015</u></p> <p>These were agreed</p>	1
3	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE)</u></p> <p>a) Filming funds - E. Naylor stated that he had drafted a question to be put to council concerning the whereabouts of the missing 'The Bill' funds as there seems to have been no progress locating them. This had been given to Cllrs Griffin and Cottington who had responded to say that they would not ask this question as they had concerns that this may raise a conflict of interest given their involvement with CREST and One Norbiton. All present expressed surprise and disappointment at this and asked EN to pursue the reasons for such as response. In the meantime it was suggested that Cllr J. Tolley be asked to raise the question and suggest that there must be an audit trail for these funds. This was agreed.</p> <p>b) CHT update – The Community Housing Trust is no longer operating following an announcement at the 15th October meeting (see official notification excerpts below)</p>	

	<p>“Plans to transfer Kingston Council’s housing services to a resident-led community housing trust (CHT) should be put on hold in the light of “unexpected and substantial” cuts to council housing budgets being imposed by the Government.</p> <p>This recommendation, made with “extreme reluctance” by members of the CHT Shadow Board last night (15 October), came after Chairman David West warned the impact of Government cuts would effectively make it impossible for a future Trust to deliver one of its key promises – that of delivering better housing services to Kingston’s 6,500 council tenants and leaseholders.</p> <p>David West added: “The second key objective of a CHT was to give tenants and leaseholders direct control over shaping the future delivery and priorities of housing services – something they had demanded for many years. But, six months down the road towards creating a resident-led CHT, it seems resident support for this project is only modest, when we had anticipated it would be almost unanimous. If we can’t meet either of our aims, it would be folly to continue.”</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE</u></p> <p>J. Preston reported that the tender document has been sent to local companies requesting a quote on the cost of refurbishment. We are awaiting these so that we can establish a ball park figure for the cost.</p> <p>MDS and JP are due to meet with Darren Welsh and the RP team the following day to discuss the progress of the hub project. Notes from this meeting will be circulated with these minutes.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>REGENERATION OF CRE</u></p> <p>There was a prolonged discussion about the proposed Regeneration of the CRE and how this will affect residents. It was agreed that there are several key questions that must be asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Where will residents go in the event of a total rebuild and will it be local? 2) Will they be guaranteed a return to the estate once it is completed with the same tenancy agreement. 3) Will they still be paying the same rent as before? <p>It is hoped that MDS and JP can raise some of these matters when they meet with DW as there is much consternation amongst residents at the lack of accurate information.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS</u></p> <p>MDS reported that the ‘Block party’ held in Madingley had been very successful with 17 people attending from a variety ethnic backgrounds. We estimated that at least 10% of the dwellings were represented. This represents a huge increase over the original 1% response when we originally set up and leafleted every dwelling. It was agreed that this type of event be continued throughout the estates.</p> <p>Fun Day – JP reported that this year the CREst Fun Day will take place on 3rd September. These is a planning meeting scheduled for next month.</p>	

7	<p><u>PRIORITY GROUP FEEDBACK/REPORTS</u></p> <p>a) Police And Safety - E. Naylor reported that a funding bid has been submitted to MoPAC (Mayors office Police and Crime) for a portion of the funds which have been made available for local Safer Neighbourhood areas. He is awaiting a response from Nicola Duffey.</p> <p>b) Surrey Save/ Resident Welfare - These sessions are still being run from both the Hub and St John's church. There has been an increase in the number of people presenting who are facing financial hardship and in need of support.</p> <p>c) Searchlight - JP circulated a letter from a young man who attends Searchlight who is asking for help to prevent it's closure. After much discussion it was agreed that we would look in to this in more detail and lobby to keep it open.</p>	
8	<p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS</u></p> <p>5TH April 2016 6.30pm Fed Annex, 2 Tadlow</p>	

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