

Langford Village Community Association Minutes

20th October 2014

Attendees: Ted Kingston, Bob Rudge, Dom Cotter, Matt Phillips, Caroline Cadbury, Rich Ponsford, Carol White, David White, Mike Oke.

Apologies: Nick Cotter, Steve Clack, John Broad, Carole Hetherington.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dom welcomed the new committee and introduced everyone to the meeting. Rich, Carol and David had come along as a result of the AGM, which was most encouraging.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and agreed. Mike had previously circulated the September AGM minutes to the committee and other interested parties. He advised of the changes that had been recommended. It was agreed that these be inserted and the AGM minutes circulated to all who had attended the AGM and provided email addresses.

ACTION: Mike to update and distribute AGM minutes.

3. Treasurer's Update

Caroline confirmed the handover from Roger Winson. Progress had been made regarding new signatories to the account, but this had been delayed to allow for Nick to be added. In view of the complications involved, and Nick's absence from the meeting, it was agreed to proceed without Nick at this time.

Caroline reported that on-line banking was not realistic in view of the requirement for joint signatories. It was agreed that the current cheque-based system be continued.

Caroline advised on the disparity of hall booking fees between different types of user and also of the confusing statements made on the website regarding casual hall bookings. It was agreed to review this and update the website. It was also agreed that the LVCA Constitution on the website be reviewed at the same time.

Caroline advised that she had been approached about a Saturday morning hall booking for Rugby Tots and asked how late a booking could be accommodated in view of the occasional demand for children's parties on Saturdays. In view of the likely long-term nature of the booking it was agreed that a booking could be offered up until 1.00 pm.

ACTIONS:

- Caroline to proceed with the bank regarding setting up authorised signatories.
- Everyone to investigate local hall prices with a view to agreeing hall rates at the next meeting.
- Caroline, Bob and Mike to review the hall booking mandate and Constitution on the LVCA website.
- Caroline to inform Rugby Tots that Saturday morning bookings can be offered up until 1.00 pm.

4. Hall Improvements

Internal work on the hall having been completed last year, it was agreed that we turn our attention to the garden for the coming year. Various ideas were discussed and it was agreed to think further and report back next time, hopefully also canvassing ideas from mums using the garden.

ACTION: Everyone to explore ideas for the hall garden.

5. Status Regarding Grants

Dom advised of a grant of £750 that was likely to be forthcoming from CDC.

ACTION: Dom to finalise and submit the grant application.

6. Highways

In advance of the meeting Carole Hetherington had advised that the next meeting of the Highways Group is on 1st December. With a full update having been provided at the September AGM, there was nothing to discuss at present.

7. Building Developments

The LVCA meeting coincided with the CDC Planning Meeting in Bodicote House, Banbury. John Broad and Pat Clissold being at that meeting, there was nothing to discuss at present.

8. Langford Life

Following the appeal for assistance with the Langford Life at the AGM, Rich Ponsford and Steve Clack volunteered their services. Rich, Steve, Mike and Ted had met to discuss possibilities, as a result of which it was agreed that Steve would take over as Editor and Rich as Designer with a view to redesigning and breathing new life into the publication. Ted and Mike will assist with advertising and editorial as required.

Steve and Rich are keen to widen the communications potential of Langford Life, linking with the LVCA website, and embracing Facebook and Twitter, making feedback much easier.

A meeting to discuss ideas it to be held at 8.30 pm on Thursday 6th November at The Nightingale. All are welcome.

9. This Year's Aims

In addition to a new style Langford Life and redevelopment of the garden other ideas discussed were:

- A welcome pack for new residents to Langford Village.
- The erection of bike racks on the wall adjacent to Tesco.
- A more accountable process for following up action points at LVCA meetings.
- Encouragement of street parties particularly linking with the national 'Big Lunch' initiative.
- To foster links with the Langford Village Community Group.

ACTION:

- These ideas and any more to be explored and discussed at the next meeting.
- Rich to liaise with Tesco regarding the possibility of bike racks.
- Mike to investigate welcome packs.
- Matt to foster Facebook links with the Langford Village Community Group.

10. AOB

- An updated list of hall contacts is required. Ted, Bob and Matt agreed to be on the list.
ACTION: Mike to update the list.
- Concern regarding the state of the hall left by previous users has been received.
ACTION: Mike to email all hall users to remind them of their responsibilities.
- Ellie Thompson advised that two new tables are required – one damaged and another missing.
ACTION: Mike to order two tables from Go Pak
- Do the committee want a Christmas Party?
- **ACTION:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – At the hall on Monday 17th November at 8.15 pm