

# **WERA Committee Minutes**

**Monday 8/05/17, Tennyson Street, Lincoln.**

**Present:** Mike Cancedda (MC), Rob Lewis (RL), Nigel Manders (NM), Sandra Lewis (SL), Maria Lyon (ML), Joshua Ost (JO), Jayne Arnold (JA).

## **1. Apologies for absence**

George Woolfenden.

## **2. Minutes of meeting held on 27 March, 2017**

Agreed

## **3. Matters arising**

- Insurance has been paid.
- Gala (Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017) has got a committee, as well as funding.
- Big Lunch 18/06/17: SL has not started this yet. Still awaiting GW to check whether we can use the cricket pitch. On the same morning a coffee morning is being held by a resident in memory of Jo Cox MP.
- Neighbourhood Working Proposals – this funding will be given to the Sincil Bank area, but will not impact upon Carholme Community Forum.

## **4. Church gardens/Gardening Club**

- **Church gardens:**
- Has got some funding, as well as discovering another potential source of funding. The Co-op Community Champion fundraising for the summer will go to the garden.
- However not many residents attended the consultation meeting on 8/05/17.
- ML has got a contact at Hill Holt Wood who may be able to do a garden project
- SL has left a message with a garden designer friend of MC.
- ML suggested it would be a good idea to have a signpost to the community garden on West Parade
- Re the content of the garden it would be nice to have a flower-covered archway (possibly willow), suitable for photography of weddings etc, as well as a bird bath.
- The need was recognised to have structures which would be difficult to steal and which would discourage rough sleepers.
- **Open Gardens:**
- Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled, due to lack of interest.
- ML has got a friend who may be able to do something with the hanging baskets.

## **5. Meeting with the University re the leaflet**

- It was stressed that we need this as quickly as possible. SL will raise this at the Carholme Community Forum.
- ML said that the University are making videos to send to students about the positive and negative impacts of their behaviour on local residents.

## **6. Update from meeting with Lincoln City Council**

- The council will be creating a semi-automated process to check the council tax status of properties against the register of HMOs.
- We discussed the level of Class N exemptions.
- We discussed the level of Class M exemptions for those who live in purpose – built accommodation.
- We discussed the amount of council tax income is lost to Lincolnshire, including to the city of Lincoln through student council tax exemptions
- WERA would like to have a police presence for Freshers Fortnight. The ASB unit of the council also need to confirm whether they will be available for backup at this time.

## **7. Commons Update.**

- GW not present

## **8. WERA booklet and marketing**

- RL has got quotes for 1000 leaflets:
- JO has got quotes for 16 page booklet
- SL made the point that editorial content needs to be started on soon as it takes a while to gather this from outside agencies

## **9. Article 4 implementation**

- Property A - This is likely to go to enforcement

## **10. Planning matters**

- WERA has objected to proposal to build apartments on Blenheim Rd

## **11. Any other business**

- SL attended meeting re small playground next to St Faith's Infants school. Meeting was also attended by Simon Trowbridge, Early Years Locality Lead, Debbie Barks, Head Teacher of Infants School, Rev Julie, as well as a parent from the school.
- The site needs weeds to be cleared as well as maintenance work to be done on the playground equipment. A figure of £10,000 was suggested for this, but there is quite a lot of goodwill in the community to have a "work day" to do some of this.

- To Let/Now Let boards from a landlord are still up. RL reported that Cllr Neil Murray has been asked to speak to Planning about getting all the 'now let' boards removed. He is due to report on this at Carholme Forum on 9/05/17.
- ML reported that another landlord has window stickers saying "Do you want to share a room with me?" on a street in the West End. A Female occupant has been intimidated by people knocking on her window as a result of this.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7.30pm