

Shevington and District Community Association



Registered Charity No. 51378

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th. May 2015

Welcome by the chair

Marlaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Kevin Topping. He will speak about local woodland later in the meeting.

Present

Gerald Arstall; Margaret Carter; Paul Collins; Damian Edwardson; Elaine Ellams; Gail Griffiths; Chris Horridge; Paul Liptrout; Jim Maloney; Veronica Maloney; Sheila Milnes; Andrew Moakes; Carol Moakes; Izzy Morris; Pam Powell; Kevin Topping; John Whiteley; Marlaine Whitham

Apologies

Mike Crosby; Helena Edwardson; Lorna Ellis; Barry King; Carole Miles; Ira Whiteley; Jane Lawrence Wood

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th April

Proposed by Jim Maloney; seconded by Veronica Maloney, the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Finances

Jim explained and gave a copy for records. Available on request.

A letter of thanks had been received from Standish Lower Ground In Bloom for funding granted to maintain flowerbeds. A charming letter had been sent from Shevington Community School; their funding had been used to replace bird houses and bird tables.

Planning and Transport Update

As Barry had sent apologies, there were no updates.

Dementia Friendly Communities: Applications submitted; Decision Day, 10th. June

Three applications for funding from Wigan Metro have been submitted by CA members; Tony Bostock, to enhance the existing Memories group; Carole Miles, to expand on activities already ongoing at the Methodist Church building, eg. Dominoes and Tea Dance. The CA's application is about convening a DF Network to ensure our community gets the very best from this project.

The first meeting was held at the library on 11th. May. There will be a second meeting towards the end of June. Targets are to have at least 30 organisations involved and at least 100 people trained.

Decision Day for bids will be at the Britannia Hotel on 10th. June. Anyone is welcome to drop in, look at bids and vote. A speed vote from 12 noon till 1pm. or from 1pm. until 3pm. to listen to the presentations before casting your vote.

Further detail from Lorraine or Barbara; 01942 404252 or 828801

Paul Collins spoke about a video, "Life With Dementia" and will look into obtaining copies.

Eileen said that a bid to help set up a buddying system re proposed allotments on Vicarage Lane field had been withdrawn as the project had to be started by July.

Age UK have agreed to work in liaison with our DF initiatives, with the aim of increasing befriending in our area.

Dementia will be an agenda item at each meeting in the future.

District Councillors' up-date

Paul thanked all in the community who had voted at the recent local elections.

Antisocial behaviour in Appley Bridge is being addressed and road safety improvements at Randalls Corner are ongoing. The councillors are involved with a playground upgrade at Shevington Vale School.

Damian said the Heart of Wigan Fun Day on 23rd. had been a great success with a wide range of activities. Money is available for upgrading cycling tracks. Visits to schools are planned; more dummies ordered so that training sessions can be with larger groups. Damian will accept a Cardiac Smart Gold Award in Blackburn on 5th June.

Additional Item

Otters Croft and Crooke Wood

Kevin Topping, a local resident, has been monitoring the wildlife in these woods since building started on the former Orica site. He has recorded 57 species of birds including chiff chaffs who visit briefly before making the journey back to Africa. Kevin spoke about the article in the PC newsletter asking for volunteers to give a little time to help him clean up the woods, removing rubbish and waste so that the flora and fauna and wildlife can flourish. Sadly, wildlife crime exists in the area, please ring 101 and report to the police if you witness anything.

There are four species of bat in the woods and a survey by bat people will take place from the water using canoes in July. The councillors thanked Kevin and promised to help wherever possible.

Please contact Kevin if you are prepared to give a little time. He hopes to compile a diary of events over 12 months. kevintopping01@gmail.com

Social, fund raising and working party activities

Quiz Night on **Friday 3rd. July**. Tickets were available at the meeting.

Please look out items for raffle and bring food for buffet. Anything more specific will be mentioned at the June meeting.

Community Fete and Gardening Club Show on **Saturday 1st. August**

Seeking volunteers to help on the day and attend the July meeting to meet up and note time they would be willing to give, especially early morning and clearing away at the end.

Additional updates from those present

A reminder from Margaret about the working party at Gathurst Station, (to Southport side) for fern planting. Saturday 30th. June from 10am.

The councillors are hoping to obtain more litter pickers and high viz. vests for people around the district.

Eileen said judging for North West in Bloom will be on Wednesday 8th. July.

As the "Beat It" team are scheduled for 13th.-17th. July the councillors will ask if they can come instead before judging.

Margaret said the Payback Team had worked on the recreation ground planted area and wildflower seeds will be planted by the cafe wall as part of the three year project of improvements. A bid to the Duchy of Lancashire Benevolent Fund had been successful.

Chris said the PC had met last week. Ira Whiteley is now chair, with Bill McKnight deputy. The consultation delivered with the newsletter re Vicarage Lane field should be filled in and sent to the clerk; www.shevingtonpc.gov.uk

or placed in the collection box at the library as soon as possible. Deadline for replies is midnight on 15th. June 2015. Damian said the free art class at the library will be on 30th. June from 10-12, thereafter every other week, with children's craft activities on the alternate Saturday mornings.

Jim said the next tree planting of native oak to commemorate WW1 will be at a site in Appley Bridge to be decided. Wednesday 11th. November would be appropriate, with Shevington Vale schools involvement.

The tree planted in the Memorial Park is in full leaf, but has had bark removed. Please report if you see anyone doing harm.

Gerry said Over Sixties are having a coach trip to Skipton on 9th. June.

Izzy spoke about a joint act of worship on the playground at St. Anne's School on 28th. June.

Carol said the Friday knitting group had been making blankets for old peoples homes and would be making items for shoe boxes.

Andrew said the Gardening Club will name a trophy "The Dorothy Nightingale Shield" in memory of Dorothy. They are looking into planting a tree in her memory.

Gail will continue to put information sent on to her on Facebook.

The meeting closed at 8.35.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 30th. June 2015 at 7pm. in the Methodist Church lounge.

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