

BEACONSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY,
12TH JANUARY 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL, BEACONSFIELD**

Present: Cllrs. M Denyer (Chairman) (MD), P Bastiman (PB), G Grover (GG), J Legg (JL), J Read (JR), J L Simmonds (JS) and A M Walters (AW)

Apologies: Cllr. Pike

Absent: None

Also Present: Cllrs. Davie (GD) and Keith (RK)
Jay and Jade Blades, Sweet Dreams

Minutes taken by Margaret Mathie

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.

ITEM 1 PRESENTATION

<p>The Chairman introduced Jay and Jade Blades from Sweet Dreams and invited them to address the meeting.</p> <p>Jay and Jade introduced themselves and explained that Street Dreams had been appointed to run a Youth Club facility in The Curzon Centre on Wednesday evenings. Having begun their work in Beaconsfield in November 2011 they now ran two youth clubs at The Curzon Centre on Wednesday evenings – one for 8-12 year olds between 5pm-7pm, and the other for the 13+ age group between 7pm-9pm. They currently had a membership of between 30-46 for the younger age group and approximately 20-28 in the older age group.</p> <p>A discussion then took place, during which Members were able to ask questions of Jay and Jade regarding their work at The Curzon Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Jay and Jade for attending the meeting, and in turn the Committee were thanked for offering Street Dreams the opportunity to address the Committee.</p>	Action
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ITEM 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were as set out above.	
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ITEM 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2011 were confirmed and signed.	
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ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.	Action
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ITEM 5 COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

Cllr. Denyer reported that he had not yet been able to go out on patrol with a Police officer from the Beaconsfield Police Office, but that he hoped to go later in the month, and would report back to the next meeting. Noted.	Action
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ITEM 6 CCTV

<p>It was agreed that a meeting of the CCTV Working Group needed to be held in the very near future to discuss various matters concerned with CCTV. It was also recognised that a meeting needed to be held with a representative from BT Redcare to discuss various matters and it was</p> <p>RESOVLED that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The Town Clerk be asked to arrange a meeting between Cllrs. Grover and Davie with a representative from BT Redcare in the near future;(2) The Members of the CCTV Working Group would liaise with each other and arrange a meeting of the Group within the next week.	Action MM CCTV Working Group
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ITEM 7 PARKING REVIEW

The Committee were reminded that Bucks County Council would be holding a public exhibition of the proposed waiting restriction review in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on Saturday, 21 st January 2012 between the hours of 10am and 4pm.	Action
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ITEM 8 HOLTSPUR TOP LANE/TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman reported that there would be a meeting to discuss traffic problems in Holtspur Top Lane on the 25 th January and it was anticipated that the preliminary consultation would be concluded by the Beaconsfield Forum meeting in March.	Action
It was agreed that on future agenda the heading for this item would read "Traffic Calming".	MM

ITEM 9 BEACONSFIELD TOWN OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS

<p>The Chairman reported that he had written to Wilton Park asking if they would be willing to get involved with the Beaconsfield Olympic Celebration Event being planned for Saturday, 7th July 2012 and that a reply was awaited. The next meeting of the organising committee for the event would be held on Wednesday, 25th January 2012.</p> <p>Discussion then took place about the provision of funding from the Town Council towards Olympic/Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the Chairman of Resources Committee reminded Members that the sum of £1,000 had been included in the Budget for 2012/2013.</p> <p>Cllr. Walters reported that a request had been submitted for the grant from the Bucks CC Localities Budget to be allocated to restoration of the War Memorial in Windsor End (£5,000) and towards the Olympic/Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Beaconsfield Forum on 15th March 2012. The</p> <p>With regard to the War Memorial, it was confirmed that this was owned by the Town Council and that Mr. Richard Smith, Chairman of the Beaconsfield branch of the Royal British Legion had agreed to arrange for a specification to be prepared concerning works needed to restore the War Memorial. The Committee were pleased to note that the local Army Cadets based at Wilton Park had volunteered to assist with the renovation project.</p>	Action
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ITEM 10 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

<p>(1) <u>Letter from Mr. King</u> The Committee considered a letter from a Mr. King of Blyton Close who had suggested that perhaps the Town Council could consider giving a commemorative Queen's Diamond Jubilee mug to each school child in Beaconsfield.</p> <p>After discussion and consideration it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that Mr King be thanked for his letter and the suggestion it contained, but that he be informed that the Town Council would be providing a sum of money towards a commemorative Queen's Diamond Jubilee/Olympic Event which would cater for all ages in the community.</p> <p>(2) <u>"Organise your Big Lunch"</u> Consideration was given to an email from Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC) dated 21st December 2011 regarding the "Organise your Big Lunch" initiative, the aim of which was to encourage communities to get together and organise street parties. Noted.</p> <p>(3) <u>Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 – Beacon</u> The Committee were informed that Cllr. Cranmer the relevant Portfolio holder at SBDC had suggested that perhaps Beaconsfield might be interested in joining in with a "Beacon" initiative to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Discussion took place regarding potential sites where the beacon could be located and the Committee considered that further consideration should be given to Oak Lodge Meadow, or the field adjacent to the Cricket Club where the November fireworks bonfire was located.</p> <p>After discussion it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr. Walters would contact Cllr. Cranmer at South Bucks District Council to begin the process of Beaconsfield being registered to have a "Queen's Diamond Jubilee" beacon located in Beaconsfield and that Cllrs. Legg and Simmonds would investigate the</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>MM</p> <p>AW</p> <p>JL/JS</p>
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potential for holding an event, possibly at Oak Lodge Meadow or on land adjacent to the Cricket Club, to coincide with the lighting of a beacon in Beaconsfield during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend.	
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ITEM 11 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN BEACONSFIELD	
(1) The Committee considered and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group for Anti-Social Behaviour held in the Reading Room on Wednesday, 23 rd November 2011.	Action
(2) <u>Public Meeting to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour</u> The Committee were informed that anti-social behaviour was still an on-going problem in various parts of Beaconsfield. As a result, a public meeting had been organised by Beaconsfield Old Town Residents' Association (BOTRA) which would be held in The Fitzwilliams Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 16 th January 2012. It was emphasised that the public meeting was open to all residents, including young people, so that the views of all the community could be heard and considered. The Mayor had been asked to Chair the meeting. Noted. The view was expressed that as many Town Councillors as possible would try to attend the meeting.	Action
(3) <u>Seat in Mayflower Way</u> Discussion took place on the seat in Mayflower Way and the view expressed by some local residents that its location should be moved, because it was a gathering place for local youths who left litter in the vicinity. The Committee noted that the seat had been donated in memory of someone and that it was located on the grass verge outside St. Thomas's Church which was land owned by Bucks County Council. Members considered that the seat had been located in its current position for a good reason, ie to provide somewhere for residents to sit, particularly those walking from Kiln Court to the shops in Mayflower Way. If the seat were to be relocated, then those residents who currently used the seat, would be disadvantaged. In addition, as the seat did not belong to the Town Council, and it was not situated on Town Council owned land, it was RESOLVED that the Town Council's view was that the memorial seat should be left in its current location.	
(4) <u>Anti-Social Behaviour around St. Mary & All Saints Church</u> The Committee noted an exchange of email correspondence between the Mayor and Mr. John Fletcher, Headteacher at The Beaconsfield School, regarding recent anti-social behaviour in the town. The Committee were informed that arrangements had been made for Mr. Fletcher to address the Town Council meeting on 9 th February 2012 regarding the role the Beaconsfield School played in Beaconsfield.	MM

ITEM 12 OUTSIDE BODIES	
<u>BOTRA</u> The Committee considered a written report by Cllr. Davie on the BOTRA meeting held on 5 th December 2011. Noted. No other reports were made to the meeting.	Action

ITEM 13 POSSIBLE BMX TRACK/SKATEBOARD PARK/YOUTH AREA	
The Committee noted that BOTRA were looking into the possible provision of a BMX track in Beaconsfield, if a suitable location could be found. However it was stressed that it was very early days and there was a lot of work to be carried out, including consultation, before any firm proposals could be put forward. Several BOTRA members had visited local BMX track facilities including ones at Denham, Uxbridge and Windsor. It was considered that a BMX track might be the preferred option, as the costs of construction were likely to be far less than those needed for a skateboard park. Following discussion it was agreed that regular written reports would be submitted to the Community Safety Committee and the Open Spaces Committee on BOTRA's BMX track initiative.	Action

ITEM 14 SBDC – CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERING AWARDS	
The Committee were reminded that nominations were being sought for various categories within this	Action

Award, with a closing date of 1 st February 2012. Categories included "Sports Activator", "Where There's a Will There's a Way", "Going the Extra Mile", "Finding the Funds", "Young Citizen of the Year" and the Chairman's Special Award. Members were asked to notify the Town Clerk as a matter of urgency if they wished to nominate an individual or a group for an Award.	
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ITEM 15 UNDERSTANDING OUTCOMES WORKSHOP (GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION)

The Committee received and noted an email dated 3 rd January 2012 from Community Impact Bucks giving details of an "Understanding Outcomes" Workshop to be held at The Priory Centre, 11 Priory Road, High Wycombe between 2pm-4.30pm on 24 th January 2012 at a cost of £15 per delegate, maximum of two delegates from one organisation. The Workshop was designed to help groups who were applying to the Big Lottery or any other funders that were outcomes orientated. Noted.	Action
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ITEM 16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 23 rd February 2012	Action
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ITEM 17 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss under this heading.	Action
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ITEM 18 PART II MATTERS

There were no items to discuss under this heading.	Action
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ITEM 19 TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting, having commenced at 7.45pm, terminated at 9.11pm.	
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