

Creekmoor Community Association



General Committee

21st September 2009

Present:

Andy Pedrick	<i>Chairman</i>	Alan Chilvers	<i>Treasurer</i>
John Godber	<i>Secretary</i>	Cllr John Rampton	<i>Borough of Poole</i>
Rose Epton-Peter	<i>Bookings Secretary</i>	Sam Wilcox	<i>Poole CVS</i>
PCSO Kerrie Burns	PC Mike Perry	Cllr Les Burden	

Apologies:

Phil Blake	<i>Christ Church</i>	Sheila Hosking	Anne Barnley
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1. Apologies

None received.

2. Last meeting minutes

Accepted as a true record.

3. Actions Review

See table at end for updates.

4. Finance

Funds currently stand at around £17,500 in the bank with no major debts outstanding.

Alan has had no response as yet from the auditor – Andy will chase.

Despite the healthy looking bank accounts, bookings for the centre are dwindling, presumably as the current economic state bites deeper. There was some discussion around the level of discounts for regular customers. Tricks for Treats currently enjoy a flat rate formula, which as their usage dwindles is becoming unfair and uneconomic. The Committee agreed that the discount will be amended to a standard 15% rate. GKR are also feeling the pinch and have asked if we could discount our rates – they are one of our main hirers and the Committee agreed to offer a 10% discount in this case. Alan will pass the decisions on to the two hirers.

5. Achievement, direction and planning

The Committee welcomed Sam Wilcox of the Poole Council for Voluntary Service (PCVS); Sam has been providing a great deal of help to our efforts to fund the extension to the Centre, and will continue to offer support across a number of areas, using her expertise and contacts across a range of voluntary organisations in Poole.

We also welcomed PC Mike Perry and PCSO Kerrie Burns, the new members of the Creekmoor Safer Neighbourhood Team. They confirmed that anti-social behaviour continues as a priority for their work; they are building integration with the local community and organisations. Recent work has focused on Creekmoor Ponds in conjunction with other parts of the Police service, and this seems to have resulted in a significant improvement. John R confirmed that he has seen a change for the better and praised their work.

Sheila recently attended a community networking event, and is awaiting feedback from the organisers.

We have so far 16 takers for the Gun Wharf Quays trip.

6. Community Centre

Alan and Rose will be getting together to talk through the mechanics of how they operate the bookings for the Centre.

Applications have been submitted for up to £190k for the proposed extension, and others are in preparation.

A Grass Roots grant has been received of £2,275 towards the fencing and turfing at the rear of the Centre.

The feasibility study for the bio-mass boiler system was approved, on the basis that it is zero cost to the Association.

We have established that the shower room leak is definitely under-floor; we are looking for estimates to investigate, rectify, and re-instate.

The store room is in need of a rubbish clear out – Alan will talk to Ian Ridout to get this organised.

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The car park has benefitted from some repair work, but more is needed. Andy P will investigate what's needed and how we can best get it fixed.

Alan will organise re-certification of the gas and electrics.

We received a request from a local photographer to use the centre for charity photo-shoots in aid of Julia's House. The Committee agreed this would be acceptable, for a small contribution to the CCA. John G will write to confirm.

Sam noted that she occasionally gets requests for facilities that we may be able to satisfy – she will pass these on as they arise. Alan will pass details of free slots to her for information.

We seem to be getting a lot of litter around the Centre – we will investigate the idea of placing a bin there.

7. Social Club

No direct update, and there has been no meeting recently, though from individual conversations we know that things are going well.

8. Any other business

The youth shelter has fallen out of use, since it acts as a wind funnel, making it unsuitable, and not much of a shelter. John R will investigate whether it's possible to get one end closed off.

There is funding available for improvements to play facilities across the Borough; current plans are to target Gough Crescent this year, and Millfield in Year 2. Based on usage and need, it's unlikely that Pergin Crescent will get much more than a small spend.

Keep an eye out for strategic planning notices around Creekmoor, BoP is looking for views on the redevelopment of the local centre.

In response to a question John R confirmed that there are no results as yet from the contamination investigation.

9. Future meeting dates

23 November 2009

Action number	Action	Owner	Update
080512-06	Investigate signage for P&R mini-roundabout	John R	<p>07.07 : On going – the real issue seems to be a tendency to accelerate as cars are passing the Dragonflies.</p> <p>08.09 : Roll over</p> <p>10.11 : Roll over</p> <p>19.01 : BoP have been asked to move the sign back 1 lamppost</p> <p>30.03 : no movement</p> <p>18.05 : this is apparently now on the books and on the way</p> <p>20.07 : to be chased</p> <p>21.09 : Still no movement – John R will chase for a date</p>



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080707-01	Check with Marianne Scahill of BoP on the potential for creation of a tapestry to act as sound deadener within the sports hall.	Andy	<p>08.09 : Roll over</p> <p>10.11 : Andy has mailed Marianne – no reply as yet.</p> <p>19.01 : Roll over</p> <p>30.03 : no movement</p> <p>18.05 : slow progress</p> <p>20.07 : no progress</p> <p>21.09 : Planning to meet Marianne next week</p>
080908-05	Push Martin Whitchurch for progress on the attraction installation for Longmeadow Lane, and institute regular reporting.	John R	<p>10.11 : No action as yet</p> <p>19.01 : New path and gate in evidence. Work is continuing, with Martin Whitchurch retaining the lead</p> <p>30.03 : no movement</p> <p>18.05 : Fun days now planned for the space. The credit crunch means that there is now no funding for Phase II which would have seen the installation of play equipment. It may be possible to pursue funding through the CCA. Andy P will check with Hall & Woodhouse, and John R with the Co-op</p> <p>20.07 : Continue discussions and investigations. The offer of a CCA contribution stands, £600 from mulch sales.</p> <p>21.09 : There is no further funding available until more development is undertaken on the Borough. The £600 is insufficient on its own, they need at least £2000 to make it worthwhile. Additional funding will be sought.</p>
090119-02	Report on BoP action on Sustainable Communities	John R	<p>30.03 : no movement</p> <p>18.05 : BoP are currently looking at ideas to get the best out of this.</p> <p>20.07 : Report to Council tomorrow (21.07)</p> <p>21.09 : BoP have signed up to this, and have raised some issues with the Local Government Association.</p>
090720-01	Investigate legal requirements around suitability and qualifications of the audit role	Alan C	21.09 : Sam will investigate
090720-02	Publicise available slots in the Centre on the website	Alan C John G	21.09 : Still to be done
090921-01	Chase auditor on review of accounts	Andy P	
090921-02	Implement agreed discounts for Tricks 4 Treats and GKR	Alan C	



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090921-03	Work out operating model for bookings	Alan C Rose EP	
090921-04	Talk to Ian Ridout to organise a clear out of rubbish from the store room	Alan C	
090921-05	Organise re-certification of the gas and electrics	Alan C	
090921-06	Let Sam Birkett know that she can use the Centre if suitable for her needs.	John G	
090921-07	Investigate whether it's possible to get one end of the Youth Shelter closed off to make it more usable	John R	