



BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th August 2009 in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Roy Godfrey [Chair], Roger Jefferies [Treasurer], Edward Floyd [Secretary], Jill Floyd, John Sayers, Diane Durham, Louise McCulloch, Frank Wood, Juliette Knight & Lynne Fisher, Bob Williams [BCT], Cllr Mike Brooke, David Williams, Catriona Moore & Abigail Sparks [representing the young people of Broadstone], Rosemary Palmer, Derek Hawker, Cherry Lorberg, Sally Banford, Malcolm Burgess [BNW].

WELCOME: Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm and welcomed members present.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Don Harris [President], Keith Clements, Rosemary Mitchell, Cllr Les Burden, Cllr Dan Martin. The lack of presence of Dan Martin at this and previous meetings was discussed. Cllr Brooke explained that he was having problems attending due to work commitments in Bristol.
- 2) **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 18th June 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING:** The Recreation Ground notices problem has been passed to Leisure Services. RJ suggests dates of future meetings be changed to every other month. This was approved.
- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to discuss.

5) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

I attended the AGM of the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce on the 23rd of June at the Broadstone Leisure Centre.

I attended a meeting of the Community Working Group at Upton House on 8th of July. The meeting was with Stephen Thorne, Nigel Jacobs and Richard Genge, a number of Chairmen and representatives from other Residents Associations. Representatives of the Society of Poole Men and Old Town Conservation Group were also present.

I was invited to appear before the Committee of the Improvement & Development Agency Peer Review of the Planning & Regeneration Service at the Civic Centre on the 16th of July.

I was also invited to attend the Peer Review's Presentation of their conclusions and recommendations at the Civic centre on the 17th of July.

I attended the Broadstone, Merley and Bearwood Area Committee meeting at Bearwood on the 29th of July. Items of interest included Airport night flights, Broadstone Leisure Centre, South East Dorset Transport Study-update, proposed Broadstone Skateboard Park and Broadstone Recreation Ground.

Correspondence on the above has been circulated, outstanding minutes and the Peer Review's conclusion and recommendations report will be copied when available.

I attended the Committee meeting of Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch on Tuesday the 4th of August.

6) REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Planning:

The Appeal by the Applicant for a 4 bed dwelling in the front garden of 82 Springdale Road resulted in a hearing at the Civic Centre on 24th June. I attended the appeal and the subsequent site inspection. The Inspector has subsequently dismissed the appeal on grounds of Highway Safety and Character & Appearance of the area.. The Agent for the owner also lodged a claim for a full award of costs against Poole Council. This application was also subsequently refused by the Inspector.

I attended the Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting of the Council on 16th July on your behalf when the proposals to extend the 2 Conservation Areas in Broadstone were debated. The Committee agreed without comment following a first class report given by Margo Teasdale and came into effect on 24th July.

The Association had an opportunity to respond to the Public Consultation on the Poole Characterisation Study but the closing date for observations gave just two weeks to respond. I responded on behalf of the Association with some suggestions but not able to give a detailed report on individual areas throughout Broadstone. I feel it would be an advantage if we were to liaise with Local Councillors, The Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce and other interested bodies with a view to submit a joint comprehensive report

Treasurer:

Income: There has not been much activity on the financial front since my last report in June – however things will start to move now that the summer magazine has been issued and collections will start in earnest. Subscriptions collected so far amount to £1,028.00 and Advertising receipts amount to £125.00 from the spring newsletter. Advertising revenue too will start to come in in earnest as soon as invoices for insertions in the summer magazine have been issued. Interest received amounted to £32.87 for the quarter ended 30 June 2009.

Total receipts for the year to date amount to £1,185.87.

Expenditure: The only expenditure since the last committee meeting in June has been £15.00 for the hire of the library, £11.99 for an ink-cartridge for the Chairman and £45.83 for a digital recorder for the secretaries.

However, total expenditure to date has been £2,380.08 including £1,023.50 for the two new notice boards which means that expenditure has exceeded income so far this year by £1,194.21.

Our bank and cash balances now stand at £10,788.78 of which £10,023.93 is on deposit earning interest.

RJ also proposed that the new Secretary be elected as signatory on cheques in place of the past Secretary.

Editor and Advertising Officer

The Summer Magazine is now complete. I am pleased to report that we now have an Assistant Editor, Catriona Moore, with some support from her friends, has volunteered to help produce the Winter Magazine.

Roy Godfrey, Editor

I have to confess that I have had little time to get involved in the magazine advertising, I thank Roger Jefferies for taking care of this.

As far as I am aware we have only lost two advertisers due to the difficult trading situation, and I thank the Broadstone business community for their continued support.

Roy Godfrey, Advertising Manager

Chief Warden: Nothing to report.

Education: Swine flu has gone around the schools. Key Stage 2 Stat results showed Broadstone's usual high standard in English.

Environment: The last time I walked the heath was on the 18th July when I saw my first Adder, I had not seen one on Dunyeats hill for several years. There are some new sightings for the recreation ground, on the 3rd Aug a Pyralid moth (*Pyrausta purpuralis*) did pay my garden a visit, and on the 6th Aug a Speckled bush cricket (*Leptophyes punctatissima*) was found on one of my sunflowers.

Webmaster/ Cycleways and Footpaths: The webmaster was absent and left no report. The Chairman commented that the website was up and running and use should grow as it gets more publicity. LM suggested a flyer in every local shop window would help to publicise it.

Chamber of Trade: now has a membership of 62 members.

The Chamber had a recent presentation from Nigel Williams on the state of play regarding the Broadstone Leisure Centre when he explained the current situation regarding the Sports Centre going into administration. The Wessex Trust has run both the Poole and Broadstone sports centres for many years. Due to competition, Poole was mainly kept going by the earnings of Broadstone until Poole was sold to a private company. The Poole centre continued to make a loss and has now closed. When Poole was sold, all the debts transferred to Broadstone. The trustees then tried to refinance without success and have now gone into administration. The Council will decide in the next 7 days if they are going to step in and take over.

Farmers Market - The farmers market is being held in the Stepping Stones car park and is operating successfully.

Top Of The Shops - VS and BW attended the Top of the Shops Awards Dinner in May. Irene's was runner up in the whole of Poole for independent customer service. Next year we are hoping for 12 businesses to enter. Please let VS know if you wish to be involved by Christmas. Economic Development - VS and BW will be meeting with Gwen and Peter Wheelhouse from Economic Development on Wednesday 8 July. They will walk through Broadstone (from 11.30 am) and look at the types of businesses and where we may need help. Afterwards between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm an open forum will take place at the Goods Yard. Here issues can be raised and a proper plan of action can be decided to apply for funding from Economic Development. Any ideas let BW or VS know.

Loyalty Card - A monthly loyalty card was proposed. Residents obtain a loyalty card and for purchases made in Broadstone, they receive a sticker. During the course of one month, they need to collect 6 different stickers and then they can put their card into a prize draw. The winner will receive £100 worth of "Broadstone Bucks" which will be issued as 10 £10.00 notes to be spent in Broadstone. Businesses can then claim the money back from the Chamber. This is funded by every business that takes part in the scheme paying £20-30 for an advert at the beginning of the scheme in a 4 page flier. VS to advise timescales.

Information Boards - We wish to put up town centre information boards which would show pictorial maps with a key to businesses. The Council are happy with this and have suggested

some places to put the boards.

As always the chamber is constantly looking for members to play an active role. It is also thought that it would be good to know where the customers come from who use our shops.

Neighbourhood Watch:

We were very pleased with the Poster Competition held at Broadstone Middle School. The subject was 'Road Safety'; there were 196 entries and the standard was very high. The winners' tokens and certificates were presented by PC Nick Wyer (our former Beat Officer), his last official duty before retiring as a Police Officer. The winning Posters are all on display in the Children's area in the Library until the end of this month.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting was held yesterday at Bearwood. The priority areas remain as Anti Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage, and Littering.

The future meetings will be :-

23/9/09 at 13.00, at Lantern Lounge Merley, and

24/11/09 at 13.00. Residents' Community Lounge, Selby Close, Broadstone.

There were 4 reported Burglaries in July, - 2 of which involved access through closed windows.

Please check your security and be extra vigilant during warm weather (if we get any !)

Damage caused by fire to the rear of Tesco. Police detained 3 youths and enquiries are continuing.

Decrease in theft from motor vehicles - only 1 reported in July.

Some ASB and damage problems still persist in Cheam Road / Lewesdon Drive area. Some residents apparently not reporting incidents - please make Police aware of all incidents / concerns.

Overall ASB has decreased and we are not getting larger groups as previously experienced. The Police have been very successful with high visibility patrols in the 'hot spot' areas.

The next Watch Surgery in the Library will be Saturday 29th. August, 10am - 12 noon.

Youth Representative: is concerned about lack of communication. The Chairman has been in touch with various people at Poole Council who have experience in this and the details were passed to CM. RG also suggested to CM that she show all e-mails to her parents. Any other correspondence should go through the website anonymously. It was suggested that the Education Officer should liaise with the schools and help to keep the young people informed.

Broadstone Youth Club is now closed as a youth club. It is still in use as a centre for D of E award scheme and a youth music centre. CM said she was amazed about the D of E as she was having to go to Ferndown for her Gold Award. MB said there have been in excess of 279 awards in Poole this year.

Broadstone Access Group: are delighted to announce that we have made successful application for funding from the Community foundation project at Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole - Grassroots, which will support us in our future plans to extend our reach, as a group, further into the community to assist people with disabilities, their families and carers, with their individual needs for access to knowledge, medical services, health issues, social support. Our role will be solely to signpost people to allow them to gain the service, support and knowledge they need to maintain independent living and make informed decisions for themselves and their loved ones.

To enable us to give the best service and support we have already linked with Poole Hospital, the PCT, Pals, Poole Social Services, Pro Disability (an organisation which supports people with disabilities living independently in an all inclusive society), Poole Council for Voluntary

Services, Corfe Hills School, Getting About Poole, Poole Health and Well Being Partnership Board, Links (Your voice on local health and social care). Also we consult with many departments at The Borough of Poole Council. We attend the Broadstone, Bearwood and Merley Councillors public meetings. We have recently been involved in the Borough of Poole's Fair Say Conference where local issues have been discussed.

Broadstone Access Group hold interesting and informative meetings, having speakers visit on a bi-monthly basis. We aim to cover various local issues which have been highlighted by local people, from transportation to town planning, accessing various rural areas locally by wheelchair or mobility scooter, social and health issues.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 11th September 2009 at 2pm - 4pm in the Badbury Room, Broadstone Methodist Church. Entrance is via the church Car Park in Macaulay Road.

- 7) **Officer Vacancies:** Advertising Editor,
- 8) **Grant Requests:** no applications for Grants have been received.
- 9) **Broadstone Rec.** The skateboard park for 8-13 year olds was discussed again and it was suggested that the idea is referred to the young people, residents, and Leisure Services for ideas for a site.

MB pointed out that with the Playbuilder Scheme which will be upgrading Lewesdon Drive and the recreation ground playgrounds there would be money spent on adventure structures. Young people are being consulted on this. It could be that a skateboard park would not be included.

Re: Town Green status. It is said there is no threat at present, but it was decided that, as this is so important, we should apply for Town Green Status for both the Recreation Ground and Pocket Park after gathering proof of use for over 20 years.

- 10) **Public Liability Insurance:** RJ has obtained a suitable quote.
- 11) **Broadstone Leisure Centre:** The YMCA have been operating it for one month. An agreement is due to be signed shortly to keep it running.
- 12) **Bournemouth Airport, night flights:** The Airport is being asked to make a presentation at the next Area Committee Meeting at Broadstone First School on Sept 15th. This could affect Broadstone.
- 13) **AOB:** RG had a suggestion from a resident that the stone outside the Stepping Stones pub, which is meant to be one of the original Broad Stones, should be marked as such. It was agreed to look into the idea.

Dr Pat Mathers has asked if the Residents Association could pay for display boards to be put in the library for the BRA. DW from Neighbourhood Watch said that he would be happy to lend theirs.

Date of next meeting Thursday 1st October.