



BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 1st. October 2009

in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Roy Godfrey (Chair), Don Harris President], Roger Jefferies (Treasurer), Edward Floyd (Secretary), Jill Floyd, David Anderson, Keith Clements, Diane Durham, Derek Hawker, Rosemary Mitchell, John Sayers, Pat Talbot, Bob Williams, David Williams, Cllr. Mike Brooke, Lynne Fisher, Juliet Knight, Catriona Moore, Abi Sparks.

Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm and introduced Marianne Pape, Arts in the Community Officer, Poole Borough Council.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Daniel Martin, Cllr. Graham Mason, Cllr. Leslie Burden, Sally Banford, Cherry Lorberg, Louise McCulloch.
- 2) **GRAFFITI:** Marianne Pape gave a presentation about her work with young people in Poole and the projects she had run to use graffiti as an art form rather than vandalism. She pointed out that the underpass would not be suitable for use for a graffiti competition as it was painted already with anti-graffiti paint. She made other suggestions as to how the competition could be framed, such as by painting on moveable canvases for exhibition in various places, or in the Youth Club where the youngsters would see their work. She offered her expertise to the BRA in the future with enthusiasm. She also pointed out that maybe linking our project with Banksy [as used in the Echo article] would not be as popular with those who know his full profile as a 'guerrilla artist'. MP was asked to put together an action plan for us for the next stage in the project. Funding was also discussed.
- 3) **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6th August 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **ACTIONS and MATTERS ARISING:** The Chairman had spoken to Denise Hill of Broadstone in Bloom about the possibility of moving the 'Broad Stone' from its place outside the Stepping stones to one of the flower beds along the Broadway to make more of a feature of it. DH will look into this.
- 5) **CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter had been received by the Chairman from Sarah Kinsella with suggestions on involving youngsters in more activities. Some of her ideas were discussed. JF suggested maybe this wasn't a job for BRA. She suggested an appeal in the magazine for people to run events with our support.
- 6) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** I attended a meeting of the Council Efficiency and Effectiveness Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Poole Civic Centre on the 3rd of September. On the agenda was, Progress Report on the Recommendations of the Sir Michael Pitt Report.
I copied all committee members my personal report on the meeting, the official minutes of the meeting have yet to be published.

I attended a meeting of the Broadstone Access Group on Friday the 11th of September, at the Broadstone Methodist Church. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

I was most impressed and, without consultation, I have said that the Broadstone Residents Association will support the group wherever possible.

I attended a Broadstone, Merley and Bearwood Area Committee meeting at Broadstone first School on the 16th of September.

I have circulated some notes regarding the agenda and matters discussed, formal minutes will be published by the council in due course.

I plan to attend a meeting of the Grant Committee at 'Chez' Floyd on Monday 28th of September.

I also intend to attend a meeting of the Community Group with Stephen Thorne and representatives of various Residents associations at Upton House on Wednesday the 30th of September.

7) REPORTS BY OFFICERS:

Planning: Planning Report - Nothing to report - AMEN

Treasurer: **Income:** Since the last meeting monies have started to come in in earnest – both subscriptions and advertising. **Subscriptions** collected so far amount to £4,842.50 and **Advertising** receipts amount to £2,365.00 to date. **Interest** received amounted to £32.87 for the quarter ended 30 June 2009 though a further quarter's interest is due today.

Total receipts for the year to date amount to £7,240.37.

Expenditure: Expenditure since the last committee meeting in August has been £2,745 for the printing of the summer magazine and £30.00 for the hire of the library for today and next month.

Total expenditure to date has been £5,140.08 which means that income has exceeded expenditure so far this year by £2,100.29.

Our **bank and cash balances** now stand at £14,098.28 of which £12,023.93 is on deposit earning interest.

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Editor: RG reported that publication date for the Winter Magazine will be the 21st January, copy deadline will be the 14th of November. Abi and Catriona will be producing the Winter Magazine.

Abi & Catriona have asked the Head of their school, and others at the school to contribute, as well as contacting previous contributors for articles.

Advertising Officer: [Roger Jefferies has very kindly offered to carry out the duties of Advertising Manager until we can find a 'volunteer', for which I thank him. RG]

I sent out invoices to the 98 space advertisers and Directory entries in the summer magazine at the end of August totalling £3,045. Since then one advertiser Woodleaze Building & Decoration Services who has an advert costing £50 has told us that he advised us that he is no longer in business and would not therefore be paying the amount billed to him, thereby reducing the total to £2,995. I have no record of his advice but I think it is water under the bridge and we will have to accept what he says.

To date I have received just over £2,200 or nearly three quarters of the amount due without any objection other than from Woodleaze so am hopeful that all or most of the remaining

monies due will be received.

When sending out the invoices I took the opportunity to send out a leaflet giving our advertising rates and terms and conditions which I don't think has been done before. In particular advising that entries continue from edition to edition until cancelled. I hope that this will put us on to a sounder contractual footing.

At the moment we have sufficient adverts to fill the available space but we may need to call on the Chamber of Trade to help us should advertisers dry up.

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Chief Warden: JS reported that completed registration forms and receipts for monies paid in are coming in thick and fast.

There are the usual problems with finding replacement wardens for those who have resigned but there is also a problem with Area Wardens.

Recently one has had to resign through illness and although his wife is continuing for the Winter magazine I need to find a replacement here both as road and Area warden. Another Area Warden is undergoing Chemotherapy at present and although she is willing to continue for the present it is of concern.

[It was agreed to put notices on the boards and the website asking for more volunteers].

Education Officer: No report received.

Environment:

1. Hedge surrounding War Memorial cannot be finished until Poole Council pay Continental for the work that's to be done. (I was told this by the person who trimmed the hedge when I asked him when he would be finishing the job).
2. A carpenter has replaced new rails to the cricket pavilion front after being vandalised.
3. Beer cans, bottles and other litter have been cleared by Poole Council and also by one or two residents who take pride in their environment.
4. I phoned the police on Friday 18th September to say the usual under-aged youths were back drinking in the recreation ground. Our local community police dealt with the problem, they confiscated their alcohol and turned them out of the park, they never returned that weekend. This has been an on-going problem for several years, these are all under-aged teenagers, and they become anti-social after drinking often staying in the recreation ground until the early hours. This usually takes place Friday evening/Saturday evening and sometimes even on a Sunday. I have notified Mike Brooke of this problem many times, he can only do so much. Why hasn't a by-law been passed banning alcohol from the park, I don't think they all come from Broadstone I believe a lot of them come from Corfe Mullen.
5. Item five is nothing to do with the recreation ground, but I have spoken to the guys that have been out spraying weeds on pavements and gutters they told me they have done Ashwood Drive, and Upper Golf Links Road, and it looks like they have been spraying weeds at the back of the shops close to the library. They can only spray in certain weather conditions in case of drift.

KC

Webmaster/Cycleway: The Website needs more advertising and David Anderson suggested that the website address should be on the front cover. This was agreed. New material is always needed to add to the site. Other ways to promote the site were discussed, such as an e-

newsletter, and school notice boards.

The need for more cycle parks generally was mooted, but Broadstone itself is well catered for. DA.

Chamber of Trade: The Chamber is finalising the Christmas arrangements with the switch on of the Christmas tree lights at the Broadstone Methodist church on Wednesday 2nd December starting at 6.30pm helped along by the Broadstone Community Concert Band and Broadstone Community Choir. Christmas Parade will be on Saturday 5th December.

A great deal of time and effort has gone in to improving the Christmas decoration through Broadstone and this year there should be 50 light Christmas trees through The Broadway, Dunyeats and Moor Road. This will challenge the chamber's finance this year but will enable the cost to be modest for preceding years.

The other issues which will be progressed by the chamber is a Loyalty card system, a restart of the parking refund scheme, a simpler shop watch and a fresh look at information boards at each public carpark.

Another system will be restarted to use text messages to notify shops of problems such as lost purses, shoplifting etc. similar to the Ringmaster system.

Notice boards pointing to whereabouts of shops and services is also being looked into. RW

Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch:

1. As advised in our September Newsletter the Police are no longer prepared to issue our usual monthly crime figures, but will instead provide us with a general monthly report on the crime scene in Broadstone, plus crime prevention advice and statistics. The presentation of the crime figures has been a fundamental part of our Newsletter for the past 20 years. Our Committee is very concerned with this change of policy and a meeting has been arranged next Monday with senior Police Officers to put our case further for a continuation of our usual format.

2. There were only 16 reported crimes in August (36 in August 2008). 9 of the crimes related to criminal damage to and theft from motor vehicles.

3. The Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting for Broadstone / Merley/ Bearwood was held at the Lantern Lounge, Merley on Wednesday, 23rd. September. The priorities are Criminal Damage, Anti-Social Behaviour, and Inconsiderate Parking. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th. November at 13.00 hours in the Residents Lounge, Selby Close, Broadstone.

4. Our PCSO Karen Preston has been accepted for training as a PC in the Thames Valley Force. Her immediate replacement is PCSO Pauline Guest who joins us from the Canford Heath Team at Gravel Hill.

5. It was disappointing to learn from Bob Williams that the proposed Shopwatch Scheme had still not been completed, but hopefully a new initiative from within the BCTC will prove successful.

6. Safety and security concerns over the Street Lighting review were raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and we were assured that a very comprehensive consultation process was in hand particularly regarding the proposed pilot scheme for the Fairview Estate.

7. It has been arranged with Dr. Pat Mathers for the BNW Display Boards to be available for use by the BRA in the Library during November.

DW

RG stated 'As there is rarely a representative of the Police at our meetings would it be acceptable to request their presence at future meetings to hear of problems in the village'. It was decided to do this.

Youth Representative: Nothing further to report after previous discussions tonight. AS & CM

Broadstone Access Group: Broadstone Access Group have been very busy over the last two months. On 31st August, Bank Holiday Monday, they helped out on the LINKS (Local Involvement Network) stand at the Mayoral Fete in Poole Park. To encourage members of the public to be involved in having a say in Health and Social Services, because we all can make a difference. It was a fun day, speaking to many people who were worried about their future needs. It finished with a Queen tribute band that were great.

We have actively been encouraging the wheelchair maintenance service to operate out of hours service for the NHS wheelchair users. The manager is now in communications with the commissioners (the people who arrange the budgets) for the Primary Care Trust. So see this space. Also we have been helping people with disabilities and their carers to find the information and be put in touch with the correct people who will assist them in sorting out some of their problems.

In our last meeting held on the 11th of September, we had a very interesting and informative presentation on the Poole Citizens Advice Bureau given by the manager Richard Bristow. We discussed the new Green Paper called 'Shaping The Future Of Care Together' so that I may take some feeling of the group to the debate which I am attending on the 10th October. I advised the group that there is a road show on the Green Paper proposals on the 9th and the 10th October at Castlepoint, Bournemouth. Roy Godfrey attended our meeting and informed us on the Broadstone Rec. and the proposal of the turning off of the street lights in Fairview from November to the spring. We also discussed transportation problems.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to our very able secretary, Becky who has been with us for the last couple of years. She was a sixth former at Corfe Hills School and is now off to university.

As there is rarely a representative of the Police at our meetings RG asked it would be acceptable to request their presence at future meetings to hear of problems in the village. It was decided to do this.

8) **OFFICER VACANCIES:** Roy reported that all posts are now filled as Roger Jefferies has taken on the duties of Advertising Manager.

9) **GRANT REQUESTS - Present:** Roy Godfrey, Pat Talbot, Edward Floyd and Roger Jefferies

- 1) RJ explained that under the criteria set by the main Committee the yardstick for the amount available is half the surplus of the preceding year. Based on the surplus for the year ended 31 March 2009 and allowing for amounts under-spent in previous years the amount available for grants in the current year is £2,131.00.

He then advised that three applications had been received since the sub-committee's last meeting as follows:

1. Broadstone Age Concern. An application from Ann Biggs for assistance with the transport costs for the running of the Day Centre and coach outings for the elderly. She said that their income had suffered a decline recently while costs had increased.

The cost of a coach had now risen to £400. They have 45 – 50 members on their books.

Recommended.....£250.00

Proposed by Edward Floyd, seconded by Bob Williams

2. Broadstone Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Lights

An application for assistance with the cost of installing 50 Christmas trees on wall-mounted brackets above shops in the centre of Broadstone lit by time-switch controlled low wattage LEDs. The estimated cost is £10,000. The shops themselves have contributed £2,500 whilst the Chamber hopes to contribute £5,000. This would be mainly a one-off cost as the brackets would be a fixture and the trees and lights would be reusable year after year. They had been let down by the Council who had not awarded a grant this year.

Recommended.....£1,000.00

Proposed by Edward Floyd, seconded by Roger Jefferies.

3. Dr Patricia Mathers – Assistance for Displays in the Library Assistance is requested towards the cost of 2 felt boards and photographic inks for displays of wildlife in the Library emphasising the importance of biodiversity in the urban landscape of Broadstone. The Committee felt that whilst this was obviously a worthwhile cause there was some difficulty in awarding grants to an individual for such a scheme. Roy said he would contact Keith Clements to see whether it would be possible for Dr Mathers to apply for a grant through an organisation such as the Friends of Broadstone Nature Reserve.

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On behalf of the BCTC BW thanked the BRA for their contribution towards the Christmas Lights.

- 10) BROADSTONE REC & TOWN GREEN STATUS:** Jill Floyd reported that 30 Evidence of Use forms had been returned for the Recreation Ground, and three specifically for Pocket Park, along with letters [including one from the council confirming they had been maintaining the rec for at least 20 years], and photographs proving its use over at least 20 years. We would now be able to fill in the necessary application Form 44 with notarisation by a solicitor. It was decided to submit the application first for Broadstone Recreation ground and later to do the same for Pocket Park.
- 11) PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:** RJ is awaiting the possible formation of a new Northern Federation of Residents Associations and therefore may be able to get a better rate for a group insurance.
- 12) BROADSTONE LEISURE CENTRE:** Cllr MB reported that it is now being run by the Bournemouth YMCA and there are to be refurbishments in the near future.
- 13) BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT NIGHT FLIGHTS:** 350 representations of concern have been gathered by Cll. MB. He and his wife Annette Brooke MP are preparing to make a request for a reduction in quotas at a later date. RG has had various letters, and e-mails and conversations about the subject. As there does not seem to be a consensus of opinion it was decided that the Association would not make a stand either way.
- 14) STREET LIGHTING TRIALS:** Letters will be sent to residents of Fairview Estate by Poole Borough Council asking for comments by residents before a decision to turn off the lights through the early hours is made. A decision will be made after consultation.

15) **WREATH FOR WAR MEMORIAL:** Roy Godfrey was voted to be the most suitable representative of BRA to lay the wreath at War Memorial at the Remembrance Day Parade as agreed at the last meeting. PAT agreed to procure the wreath.

AOB: Skateboard Park for Broadstone - this will not be debated by the council until next year. Funds may not be available as they have already allocated funds but we will be consulted.

Ward Walks – MB made it clear this was only for Ward Councillors at present. If anyone has places they would like planning officers to look at to contact their Ward Councillors.

RJ asked that there be an update of Footpath 5 at the next meeting.

MB was pleased to report that the white lines in the recreation ground car park off Charborough would be painted in the near future.

MB reported on proposals by EDDC to restrict dog walking on Corfe Mullen recreation ground and how this may have an impact on Broadstone Rec with dog fouling.

MB Suggested setting up a working group about the Graffiti boards, but RG said he would wait for the report from Marianne Pape.

There being no further business at the meeting, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9-53pm.

.....Chairman

.....Date

Dates of next meetings: 10th December 2009, 21st January 2010, 8th April 2010, **AGM 20th May 2010**, 10th June 2010, 12th August 2010, 14th October 2010, 9th December 2010.