



Kingsway

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Public Meeting & AGM - 27th Nov' 2013

Venue: Kingsway Primary School

Chairman: Joe Logan - Author: Clive Barton

1. ReachOut! Update

Andy Jarrett (QCT) presented the ReachOut! update as Jess Price was absent (through illness). Andy reported that in the 8 months since ReachOut! Started, Jess has spoken to 219 young people of whom 53 have taken part in activities and 16 have been signposted to other training programmes/organisations, partnered with 3rd party organisations to organise events / projects (eg: "Fright Night" / "Pimp My 'Ped"), and encouraged 6 young people to join the "QPC Youth Team". She has discovered that most of the young people "just want someone to talk to", they are concerned about speeding in the area, and they would like a shelter for young people in the area. Andy appealed for residents to signpost young people to Jess / ReachOut! (Jess is out and about in Kingsway on Tuesday evenings). For year 2 they are considering a mentoring project and they are seeking people to help with fundraising.

Q (from meeting): Is ReachOut! related to Project Solace?

A: Not related, but they can use Project Solace for assistance where necessary.

Steve Brooks suggested they "court Solace" as they are a good partner for funding, and to initiate communication.

The next ReachOut! meeting is at the Capital Venue on January 15th at 7pm.

2. KRA Committee

Joe Logan thanked past committee members and introduced the incoming committee:

Clive Barton
Steve Brooks
Joe Logan
John Miles
Michelle Ryder
Lisa Short
Dave Talbot
Gill White
Karina White

Joe went on to explain what we have done during the last 12 months:



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A: Litter Pick:

80+ people turned up along with various groups and public figures to help us in our first community litter pick. The event was very successful and will be repeated next year.

There was also a competition for young people to create a litter campaign poster.

Joe noted that some fly-tipping is still taking place and urged local residents to notify the authorities (or the Residents Association) if they see this happening.

B: Big Lunch

Once again the Kingsway Residents Association hosted this event in the Big Park. This year was our most successful event yet and we made a profit! Joe mentioned his disappointment at how hard it is to find volunteers to help with these kind of events. We will be repeating this event next year. (If you can spare a little time to help out, please contact Joe on KingswayRA@googlemail.com).

C: Kingsway Village In Bloom

Sadly this event only had 17 entries, so we will not be repeating it next year. Joe mentioned that we are looking for suggestions from Kingsway residents for other events they might like.

D: Halloween

This event proved very popular once again, with lots of enthusiastic young children and parents. We will be repeating this again next year.

E: Other Activities

Joe listed the other activities we have been involved in, as follows:

- i Regular meetings with QUVL, City and County Councils.
- ii Support for ReachOut!
- iii Engaged with 'Community Builder' project.
- iv Facebook membership.
- v Relationship with 'The Citizen'.
- vi Monitoring developments with Incinerator and Police Custody Suite.

3. Financial

Joe reported that we had 5 treasurers during the last year! Despite that, our balance sheet shows a closing balance of £2255.38 (opening balance £1965.61), which will be used to fund future events.

4. Publicity

Joe mentioned that- due to rising prices, we no longer purchase banners to publicise our meetings (latest price was £140 per banner!), which we will discuss in the near future. (It was noted that the turnout for this meeting was very low)!

5. Adoptions

Joe showed a slide detailing the recently adopted roads (Kingsway, Valley Road and part of Thatcham Avenue) and noted that all open spaces on stage 1 are adopted.



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Q (from meeting): It was suggested that as the adoption of Kingsway's roads has begun, residents should be asked to consider whether we should apply to the Council to have a 20 mph speed limit applied throughout Kingsway noting that although the signs are in place, only 30 mph is enforceable at this present.

6. **AOB**

Joe showed the latest plans for the new Community Centre and Sports Pavilion (plus sports area and trim trail), and stated that Speller Metcalfe will be building them. They are due to start on 6/1/'14, with a completion date of 8/8/'14.

Quedgeley Parish Council is submitting a bid to win management rights to the Community Centre.

Joe showed the plans for the new shopping centre (SC2) and reported that Pizza Hut is interested in taking 2 units. He also explained that the contractors will be parking their vehicles in the area of land which will eventually become the Car Park for SC2.

Joe reported that the Kingsway Cycle Voucher Scheme has now stopped (although all vouchers are still valid); the developers are liaising with the council about opening a "Cycle Centre" in SC2.

Joe explained that the area diagonally opposite Tesco Express has been set aside for a Health Centre, and negotiations are currently taking place with a potential provider.

Andy Jarrett thanked residents for assisting with the distribution of the Quedgeley News and reported that only 3 more streets require volunteer distributors.

He also mentioned that the Kingsway & Quedgeley Networking Association (KQNA)'s next networking event will be held at 7pm on 3/12 at the Capital Venue.

Joe confirmed that the Jehovah's Witnesses have secured the "Place of Worship" and will be building a small meeting place in 2014.

The next public meeting of the Kingsway Residents Association will be held on March 19th.

Kingsway Village Blog: <http://www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk/>

Kingsway Residents Association: <http://www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk/residents-association/>

KRA Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/Kingsway.Glos>