



Kingsway

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

KRA Public Meeting Minutes: 20 Mar 13

Before the meeting commenced there was an advert for a prospective Beaver/Scout group.

Kingsway Cubs, Scouts & Beavers Group

Julie Preston announced her intension of starting up Cub, Scout & Beaver groups within the next month. Julie provisionally booked Thursdays for their meetings at Kingsway Primary School - Beavers for 1 hour, followed by Cubs & Scouts – (who will be combined initially) and would very much like to hear from anybody interested in attending/enrolling. Julie can be reached on 01452 724241.

Gloucestershire Constabulary

PC Sam Jones, and PCSO Tracy Garcia-Cote discussed parking within the village. It was stated that although the local authority was now responsible for enforcing parking restrictions, the Police can address parking if causing an obstruction and does enforce insurance or road fund licence avoidance. At present, unless constitution 'dangerous driving', speeding is not enforceable on unadopted roads. In response to a comment on instances 'For Sale' notices in cars, it was explained that the council can intervene when it appeared to be conducted as a business ie the same individual and within a short distance of each other.

Environment Agency

Daniels Brook:

Charles Chandler from the Environment Agency fully outlined the flood alleviation work that had been conducted and explained why it had necessitated the removal of some trees and hedgerows around Daniels Brook (removed to allow improvement with flood defences). It was explained that replanting was underway and that the rutted area will be rolled flat once the ground has dried out.

ReachOut! Project

Andy Jarrett and Jess Price (newly installed Youth Worker) discussed the 'Reachout!' project aimed at engaging with the 13-18 age group primarily within Kingsway. The project seeks to dissuade individuals from Anti-Social Behaviour by providing opportunities to participate in the activities available and to seek to deliver those activities that this age group believe would be beneficial to them. Downstream ReachOut! will be looking for volunteers to develop this work beyond the initial engagement phase. Jess can be contacted at jessp@prospect-training.org.uk



QUVL

Andy Smith (QUVL) advised the meeting of newly named Newhaven Road (formally Naas Lane Link Road) and that the second primary school, Waterwells Primary Academy is on target to open in Sep.

Although there had been some unexpected obstacles that had prevented further adoptions Andy hoped that the next phase of open spaces, and hopefully roads, would have taken place by the end of Apr.

Following planning consent it is hoped that the Community Centre, Sports Pavilion & BMX Track should all be provided within the next twelve months. Andy also advised provision of a "Trim Trail" (running track and outdoor gym equipment) running around the outside of the sports pitches. Cllr Fred Wood stated that there was no firm way forward on the management of the new facilities and that the City Council would be open to approaches from any group that might be interested.

KRA Business

Attention was drawn to the KRA Constitution and it was pointed out that the committee staged community events 'for free' as this was not part of the committee's primary task.

Proposals were raised to amend the KRA Constitution with an increase the number of committee members from 10 to 12 and the reduction to 3 Public Meetings per year. Following a 'show of hands' both motions were carried unanimously.

Details were provided on this year's gardening competition, 'Kingsway – a village in bloom!', along with plans for 'The Big Lunch' on 2 Jun, a Halloween event, 31 Oct, and a Community Litter Pick on 20 Apr. In the latter case it was pointed out that we would be assisted by Gloucester Probation Trust.

A period was set aside for resident's feedback and it was suggested that the format for a forthcoming Public Meeting could be altered to remove external speaker and instead provide a question and answer forum with selected individuals eg local Councillors.

It was pointed out that Cllr Jackie Hall was not standing for re-election and a vote of thanks was offered for her efforts on behalf of the villagers of Kingsway.

The meeting was closed at 2130hrs with an advert for the next Public Meeting on 10 Jul.

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