



Kingsway

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

KRA Public Meeting Minutes: 23rd March 2015

Committee: Joe Logan (Chair), Clive Barton, Dave Talbot, Gill White, Michelle Ryder

1. Introductions

Joe welcomed all to the meeting, explaining that the theme of the meeting is local adoptions.

2. Project Solace

PCSO Sylvia Lane gave an update on Project Solace, explaining that it aims to tackle ASB in the private housing sector and involves teams of 3 officers, working with the ASB team at Glos' City Homes. Sylvia reported that there were real no local problems, just complaints about youths hanging out by the local shops!

Local PCSOs are now working out of Barton Street.

Sylvia asked people to call 101 and report problems (even if the Police don't respond details are logged and can be followed up later).

- Q.** A resident said people are parking on the path outside of Waterwells School forcing parents into the road.
- A.** As the roads there are not adopted the Police can't help unless they judge it to be an obstruction.
- Q.** A resident said a large flatbed lorry parking on the bend in Brize Avenue s dangerous and another said that double parking on the bend had stopped an ambulance from getting through. There followed a discussion on the subject of Brize Avenue (which is now adopted up to the bend).
- A.** Barry Kirby pointed out that it will also be a bus route, so he is asking the Council to take another look at it.

3. Reachout!

Holly Ford reported that the project is being extended to include 11-18 year olds.

Since July 2014 they have engaged with 145 young people:

24 have had one-on-one mentoring. 12 have had 'more intensive mentoring.

They have networked with other youth groups.

Holly said she does 3 hours of 'detached work' (walking around Kingsway) every Tuesday (which accounts for about half of those 145 people).

On Feb'19th they held a BMX event. 24 youths attended (and parents).

Andy Jarrett thanked Barry Kirby for the £3k funding from Glos County Council, and added that they had also received £2k from Glos City Council and the same from the QPC.

- Q.** About (free) local youth club.
- A.** Project Solace is targeting youths through 'Drop-In Groups', these youths don't generally frequent youth clubs.



4. QUVL

Andy Smith presented the update on adoptions, explaining that most completed open space is now managed by Glos' City Council.

Allotments are in progress (on target for late summer).

Roads: All of Thatcham Avenue and the 1st part of Brize Avenue are adopted.

Next: The remainder of Brize Avenue, Goosebay Drive and the Buckingham Walk footpath.

Q. Can we have another Post Box (or 2)?

A. Barry Kirby will pursue this.

Shops (Phase 2): 11 units are (just) completed. Pizza Hut and Sue Ryder have taken the large units and 4 smaller units have been sold to various organisations. There is one more retail unit to go in, along with more parking.

Q. The sign is missing from Staxton Drive.

A. Andy has asked the relevant developer to replace.

Q. Please confirm local speed limits?

A. 30mph throughout, but there will be consultation with residents about areas where it might be reduced.

Q. Regarding the commercial area and future developments.

A. There is a plan located in the foyer of Avionics House showing the plans.

Q. Any progress on a local Doctors Surgery?

A. Still seeking GPs who might be interested.

5. Council Services Provision in Kingsway

Cllr Chis Pearce (QPC)

The QPC now runs the Kingsway Community Centre. Cllr Pearce reported that uptake of the facilities had gone well and they are now fixing 'teething problems'.

Kingsway Sports Pavilion: There are now Football, Rugby and Cricket Clubs involved and working to prepare facilities.

The Community Centre is already over-subscribed and the Sports Pavilion is under-subscribed, so the QPC are seeking 'change of use' permission ('a variation').

A litter picker is now employed to work 20 hours per week in Kingsway.

Cllr Dave Norman MBE (City Council)

Cllr Norman offered apologies on behalf of Cllr Deb' Llewellyn (busy with Mayoral duties).

Adoption anomalies: Copeland Park is not part of the QUVL (built by Bovis).

Small green areas are gradually 'filtering through'.

Allotments may eventually be run by the QPC.

Cllr Norman said "Essentially, if it's green, it's largely City Council".

Andy Smith said 'Here to Help' queries are often left, but callers frequently fail to leave details.

Cllr Barry Kirby (Glos County Council)

Cllr Kirby thanked Andy Smith (QUVL) for attending local meetings & giving info' (in his own time).

Regarding 'Cross-Boundary' (City/County) queries, Cllr Kirby said residents shouldn't be too concerned about who deals with what, as queries/requests will be sent on to the relevant body.

Cllr Kirby outlined the Glos' County Council responsibilities:

- Kingsway Primary School.
 - Highways, Footpaths and Street Lights.
- (Technically from adopted roads, but they will pass on information to the QUVL if it's theirs).*

- Health & Social Care.
- Waste & Recycling.
- Registration of Births, Marriages, Deaths.
- Fire Service.

Grant Funding Allocation: There's still money left for local health-based clubs/organisations.

Highways Funding: Much of it is being used on Tuffley/Grange due to the age of the roads.

BMX Park: There followed a discussion about the Kingsway BMX Park and youths using the A38 to access it; riding without lights, wrong side of road, etc. Cllr Kirby said he would investigate possible project/funding to tackle the problem.

Bus Services: Cllr Kirby said that a new bus service to Bristol was being provided on a trial ('use it or lose it') basis. There followed a lively discussion about bus services and forthcoming local route changes, including Park and Ride, and Cllr Kirby said he would get clarity from Stagecoach and let us know.

Incinerator: Not much left that can be done (except the Stroud Judicial Review).

Speeding: They have been running local speed testing.

6. Forthcoming KRA Events.

Joe Logan started by pointing out that Kingsway Residents' Association is currently staffed by just 5 volunteers and needs more help. We are looking for local residents who can spare one evening per month and will also need 'hands on' help to run the events.

Community Litter Pick

Saturday April 11th, 2pm. Meeting at the Kingsway Community Centre. Expected finish 3:30pm.

Big Lunch 2015

Sunday 7th June. 12-4pm on the Kingsway Sports Field(s).

We are running this event in partnership with the QPC and Copeland Park Residents' Association. This year's event will be twice the size of previous years' and will include a Dog Show and many community groups.

7. Any Other Business

Q. Recycle Bins (Any chance of a new design)?

A. Cllr Dave Norman said this is under discussion at the moment.

Andy Jarrett passed on his thanks to volunteers for delivering the Quedgeley News locally.

Next Public Meeting: Wednesday July 1st.

Resources:

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

KRA Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Kingsway.Glos

Kingsway Village Blog: www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk