

LLERA - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: AGM 52ND

Date/Time: 11/06/14 – 8pm

Venue: Uplands School

Notes by: Chris Mackie

Attendees:

Name	Position
Steve Thomas	Chairman
Wendy Miles	Committee Member
Robert Miles	Committee Member
Eric Barrett	Treasurer
Tracey Jones	Committee Member
Chris Mackie	Secretary
Ian Harrison	Committee Member
Karen Harrison	Committee Member

Apologies / Absent

Name	Position

Agenda

- Minutes of the last AGM
- Chairman's Annual Report
- Financial Summary
- Secretary's Report
- Election / confirmation of Officers and committee members
- Annual Subscription
- AOB

Notes:

Previous Actions

1. Committee to consider 20 MPH speed signs
Last year Wendy requested that BFBC considered a 20 MPH speed limit for the estate. We have just been informed that the estates roads have been included in the preliminary programme for 2014. They will be carrying out a number of speed surveys on the roads to ensure they meet the Department Of Transport guidelines for the implementation of 20mph limit. Following this, work will begin on the legal Order that is necessary to implement the new speed limit. It is currently programmed that the new 20mph limits will be installed towards the end of the year. Well done!!!
2. Committee to consider a single No cold calling sign at the estate entrance
We have decided to pursue the adoption of an official scheme. Our local council does not currently run a scheme however we have sought advice from neighbouring councils on how their schemes have been set up and will approach our local council to encourage them to set up a similar scheme
3. Committee to subscribe to neighbourhood watch alerts - COMPLETE
4. Committee to consider expanding the grass cutting scheme .
During this year we have trialled allowing the council to cut the grass according to their scheduled maintenance. This is not working to our satisfaction so will be re-visited.
5. Committee to consider a Facebook page or similar. - COMPLETE
6. Rules to be updated post the AGM and published on the LLERA website – COMPLETE

Chairmans Report

The chairman's report articulated the following key points

- Welcome to new members.
- Property boom continuing, properties on estate selling well.
- Tireless committee members working to maintain the estate:
 - Bulbs planted throughout estate
 - Flower bed created on the island
 - Thank you to Members who helped clear large fallen branches,
 - Council prompted to conserve rather than demolish cedar
 - Thanks to Eric - Incongruous silver boxes replaced with green
 - Council now cutting verges again.
 - Eagle house field saved from development, but at risk of invasion ring 101 if travelers appear in the field
- Particular thanks to:
 - Secretary Chris, keeping us at forefront technology i.e. Facebook page etc
 - Treasurer Eric, financial management, healthy balance.
 - Karen for organizing the street reps collection
- All your committee and I are prepared to offer our services for another year, in my case a final year (rules now require chairman to step aside after 3 years)
- Still vacancies.
- Little interest in quiz evenings, though street parties always popular and requested. Usually for national events such as Diamond Jubilee etc. Useful for new members to meet their neighbors.

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- Sadly farewell to several members over last 12 months, and particularly our founder and Life President Mel Calvert. How to commemorate him and his unceasing efforts to mention character of this estate, particularly ensuring no through roads shall be a subject later in the meeting

Financial Report

Eric the association's treasurer summarized the following financial position

Income	
Subscriptions	£511.00
Net Bank Interest	£0.95
Total Income	£511.95
Expenditure	
Island Lawn Mowing	£144.00
Hire of Hall for AGM X 2	£66.24 Note 1
Photocopying for AGM 2013	£39.00
Purchase of Printer and cartridge	£103.69
Paint for estate signs	£17.87
AGM 2013 refreshments	£27.74
Enhancement of Estate Verges and Islands	£249.22
Donation to charity in memory of Mel Calvert	£50.00 Note 2
Total Expenditure	£697.76
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£-185.81
Add balance at commencement of year	£127.49
Cumulative fund's at year end 31/05/13	£1085.68

Note 1: Costs of 2013 AGM expended in 2014 Financial Year

Note 2: Followed M Calvert's funeral

Secretary's Report

Chris the associations' secretary provided the following report.

- LLERA Web Site
 - Addition of useful links to councils, schools
 - Updates for social events
 - Uploading of minutes.
 - Launch of Facebook page
- 2 x Newsletters
 - 2013 - Christmas
 - 2014 – May
- 1 x AGM Minutes
- 5 x Committee Meeting Minutes
- Various email communications to residents.
- Regular facebook updates
- 1 x AGM

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Members who are currently not paperless were asked if they wanted to go paperless.

A concern was raised as to whether residents who didn't want electronic communication would still be catered for. Reassurance was given that the committee was committed to maintaining paper based communication for those who wanted it. This was the reason for the purchase of a printer. Additionally the committee is looking into a permanent notice board for the estate.

Residents who provided early pictures of the estate were thanked. A requested was made for Brochures for the Houses on Beech Ride and Broom Acre and any more Early Photographs of the estate to be provided to Chris Mackie.

Confirmation of committee members

All previous committee members were happy to stand and all bar Steve Thomas were confirmed for a subsequent year. The role of chairman was put to a vote. (See later section in minutes)

For the year 2014/15 the committee shall comprise of;



Secretary

- Chris Mackie
- Moved into 11 Primrose Way in 2009, Married to George and has three children Lucia 4, Adam 3 and Elodie (6wks).



Treasurer

- Eric Barrett
- An Estate resident of Beech Ride for 33 years retired now but previously worked for the Fleet Air Arm and Racal Electronics Group.



Social Secretary

- VACANCY



Committee

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Committee

- Tracey Jones
- Married to Terry, 3 children and 2 dogs and 1 grand child.



Committee

Street Representatives

Karen thanked current street representatives and gave a summary of vacancies requesting anyone interested in taking a post to get in touch.



Primrose Way

- Covered by Chris Mackie LLERA Secretary



Greenways

- Vacancy



Broomacres - Odd Numbers

- Lucy Goulding









Broomacres – Even Numbers

- Linda Banwell



Broomacres – Extended

- Tony Dolphin

-  Orchard Gate
 - Covered by Karen Harrison – Committee Member
-  Beech Ride – Odd Numbers
 - Malcolm Greenfield
-  Beech Ride – Even Numbers up to 24
 - David Markby
-  Beech Ride – Even Numbers 26 - 48
 - Covered by Tracey Jones – Committee member
-  Spring Woods - odds and Kings Keep
 - Covered by Steve Thomas - Chairman
-  Spring Woods - evens and Little Moor.
 - Covered by Wendy Miles – Committee Member

Annual Subscription

There will be no increase for the 2014/15 financial year. The subscription shall remain at £4.

Election.

An election was held for the post of Chairman. Prior to the election leaflets had been distributed to all residents providing a summary of the candidates. On the evening each candidate gave a short speech.



Vote for your Chairman of the LLERA
Voting shall be held at the AGM which starts 7:45pm 11th June
at Uplands School, Albion Road.

Dr Stephen Thomas

I am Dr Stephen Thomas and I have lived on this estate since 1982, when I became a GP in Crowthorne. I Retired in 2010 and was then able to devote more time to the Residents Association, and was elected chairman in 2012. That post is now limited to a maximum of three years, & I would like, if re-elected, to complete that full time in office.

If elected I would like to see the following things continue within the association:

I would like to see the association continue to increase the proportion of members with whom it can communicate electronically.
Our Facebook page is particularly useful, as that can provide a rapid public two-way dialogue.

If elected I would like to improve / change or have the association focus more on the following things during my chair:

We have been unable to interest sufficient members to be able to run quiz events. But people seem to like the idea of street parties; perhaps the association could launch an annual one, on the Saturday afternoon/evening nearest to the 21st of June (the longest day) every year.



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Mrs Sue O'Sullivan

I am Mrs Sue O'Sullivan Bsc (Hons), RGN, RHV. I have been a nurse (20 years) and a Health Visitor (13 years). I am very used to working in the Community and building relationships and networking within that community. Until recently I was Chairman of Sandhurst Voluntary Care for three years and until two years ago Chairman of Longdown Lodge Estate Residents' Association (10 years) where to me it was very important for the benefit of the Estate to build relationships within the wider community and also network with Sandhurst Town Council and Bracknell Forest Council.

If elected I would like to see the following things continue within the association:

If elected as Chairperson I would be very happy to work, and play an active part with the present committee, a Chairman and committee should work cohesively for the benefit of the Estate, it's residents and the Association. I would like to see the use of the Estate web site continuing and developing as necessary. I would like to see the high standard of the appearance of properties maintained with its consequential effect on property values. People go on Estate Agent's waiting lists to move on to this estate.

If elected I would like to improve / change or have the association focus more on the following things during my chair:

- a) Longdown Lodge Estate is a small community within a much wider one and Sandhurst is a very active community. I would like to see more information being disseminated to residents about the facilities available and the many events taking place within Sandhurst and Bracknell Forest.
- b) Longdown Lodge Estate Residents' Association is not just about the Chairman and Committee it's about the residents who live on the estate. It is a small community and I would like to see for instance more social events within the estate with residents involved in the planning. It is a very good opportunity to meet other people and residents from other roads.
- c) I think it is very important for the Association to restore the networking and building of relationships within the wider community.
- d) I think we are very lucky to live in such a quiet, semi rural area when we are so close to urbanisation and two major motorways. I think it would be nice to see residents once again encouraged to take a pride in the overall picture of the estate, particularly front verges and as every house has a drive to encourage parking off the road.
- e) I would like to suggest to the committee and the members of the association that we make a change to the constitution enabling residents a vote on important issues, either electronically or on paper if they cannot get to the AGM.

The election result resulted in Sue O'Sullivan being voted in as chairman for the 2014/15 year. Congratulations were given. The association would like to thank Dr Steve Thomas for his efforts over the last 2 years.

Tribute to Mel Calvert

What to do as a fitting tribute to Mel Calvert was discussed. A resident had suggested naming the alleyway that joins Orchard Gate to Wellington road. The consensus of the room was that this would be a fitting tribute. This action will be followed up by the committee.



An alternative / additional tribute of a tree was suggested by Sue O'Sullivan and shall be considered by the committee at the next meeting.

AOB – Running Club

The idea of an estate running club was proposed by Wendy. There was sufficient interest on the night for the proposal to be followed up. Action noted.

AOB – Social events

Ian described the current situation where the association had tried to hold Quiz events but had had to cancel due to lack of interest. An appeal was given for residents to support events. The vacancy for a social secretary was again noted.

ACTIONS

Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date
1.	Minutes of AGM to be written up and circulated	Chris Mackie	11/07/14
2.	Rules to be updated to allow a postal vote. Mechanism to be discussed at the next committee meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14
3.	Alley way to be named Calvert way. Legality to be assessed. Committee to discuss at next meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14
4.	Committee to consider Tree purchase to commemorate Mel Calvert and sighted at the top of Broom Acres. Committee to discuss at next meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14
5.	Wendy to consider progressing running club. To be discussed at next committee meeting	Wendy Miles	18/06/14
6.	Consider assisting estate members on setting up clubs etc.	COMMITTEE	18/06/14
7.	Tree in Little Moore spring woods is badly leaning committee to have it assessed. To be discussed at next committee meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14
8.	Handover to be completed between Steve and Sue Banking Facebook access email access Duties Welcoming new residents	Sue / Steve	18/06/14
9.	Continue to follow up the No Cold calling Zone. Progress to be discussed at next committee meeting	Tracey	18/06/14

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th June 2014

Time of Next Meeting: 8pm

Location of Next Meeting: Sue O'Sullivan's House

Provisional Agenda

- Previous Actions
- AGM actions
- Right Move Alerts
- Planning Applications
- Mouseprice alerts
- SRA minutes
- Estate Maintenance
- AOB
 - Social Events