

28th April 2021



Attendees:

John Orr (Chair), David Lee, Kathy Mansfield, Donna Fuller, Cliff Green, Deanna Norris, Anthonia Lifu, Cheryl Hoare and Sheila Taylor

Apologies were received from:

Rosemary Englander, Ron Ellis, Terry Weller and Derek Weller

Visitors:

Kevin Vickers (Community Development and Events Co-ordinator, WCC). Donna Fuller is both a resident of Tinkers Bridge and Leader of WCC.

		Action by whom
1	Welcome John Orr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and listed apologies	
2	Minutes from 25th March. The minutes were not available. John agreed to produce them from the recording of the meeting.	John
3	Chair's report John said that the points he would like to make were covered on the agenda.	
4	Treasurer's report Anthonia said that she was still having difficulties with the laptop and, despite having help from Kathy and John, she had been unable to send out her report in advance of the meeting. Kathy and Anthonia will continue to work on this. Anthonia gave the verbal report that there had been two items of expenditure in April, on the Easter event and paper for the next edition of the Bridge. These had both been paid from petty cash, which now needs to be restored to its normal level of £200. Anthonia was authorised to do this.	Anthonia and Kathy Anthonia
5	Environmental Report John said that Ron was happy overall. A pile of rubbish was set on fire in Buckby and there was still fly tipping, especially on the roundabout in the middle of the estate. Shrubs are needed for the community garden. John proposed that the remaining £80 of his 2020-21 ward allowance should be used for this purpose. This was agreed. Men in Sheds suggested there should be a trellis attached to the new pergola, at a cost of £150. It was decided to leave decisions about this to the Working Group. Donna commented that she was initially worried that the fire in Buckby might have damaged a lamppost, but it turned out that the damage was superficial. She urged	Ron

	everyone to report incidents to MKC and to WCC. Cliff suggested that the numbers for reporting should go in the Bridge.	
6	Working Group Update Kathy reported that the WG had had a busy month. Work funded by the Estate Improvement Fund has started on the murals and the pergola. It has been decided to ask residents about their priorities for the estate. A simple questionnaire has already appeared on Facebook and it will also be in the next edition of the Bridge, which is being produced this weekend. Dave will send Kathy the list of Priorities used on Facebook. For this reason, the Bridge will be delivered to every house, rather than being made available at the shop and on the book table, as has happened for the last few months. See item 8 for more information about the priorities survey. The WG is also looking at future activities. These may include a summer coach trip if that is possible. More definite suggestions are a scarecrow festival at the end of May and a celebration in the community garden. The meeting agreed in principle to these activities, subject to them being safe. Sheila said that costed proposals would be needed for any activity that needed grant funding. Rosemary has offered to update the Welcome Pack when she is able but before asked for more information about take-up and feedback. Cliff checked with Ron who has given out the packs in his possession and had generally good feedback. Dave will take Ron some more packs. Sheila is getting feedback from MKC about the plan that they would give a Pack to new tenants. The WG will look at this further.	Dave Working Group Dave Sheila
7	Residents of Renewal Estates (RoRE) Dave said that RoRE had recently had its AGM, with the same officers being re-elected. They are putting together a tool kit on ways to combat fly tipping, based on successful work done on Eaglestone. RoRE is asking RAs to encourage MKC to adopt the ISO 9001 standard for response to public enquiries. The next RoRE meeting will be on 7th May. The meeting will look at priorities for the renewal estates. The Woughton Renewal Forums will start in September. Dave said that one priority he hoped might be considered by the Tinkers Bridge Renewal Forum would be to use the houses on Hatton that were badly damaged by fire as “show homes” for what could be done. Donna agreed to find out why work on these houses appears to have stopped.	Donna
8	Estate Priorities Survey Dave reported on the feedback so far from the survey on Facebook. The following votes have been received: Environment improvements 37 Traffic management 18 Pot holes 5 Improve communications 3 It was felt that some people not on Facebook might give a higher priority to communication than those who use social media.	
9	Any Other Business	

	• The Milton Keynes marathon will take place from 25-27 June and may involve some road closures. • A person was badly attacked by a dog on the estate. There was a discussion about the best ways of supporting vulnerable residents of the estate. John will see if someone from Social Services can attend a meeting about this. • Cheryl talked about the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. There are current 18 Brownies and 20 Guides. The number of Rainbows was low but an advert on Facebook has resulted in several enquiries. Outdoor face to face meetings have now resumed at Charles Warren School and it is hoped normal activities will soon start. Two Rainbows were recently awarded gold awards. This will be reported in the Bridge. Cheryl confirmed that her organisation would be interested in taking part in the summer event in the Community Garden. • Dave raised the idea of the Eden Project Big Lunch, to be held on 5th and 6th June. It encourages individuals and communities to do whatever they want with this idea. Kevin said WCC has considered this idea but decided it was not possible within the rules about social distancing. • Cliff thanked Sue Smith and others at WCC for donating books for the book table. • Kathy said that the MKC Health Check form is now almost complete. • Cliff said there had been a raid on a suspected cannabis farm on Marshworth. • John asked for a minute's silence for someone from Broadwater who has died.	John
10	Date of Next Meeting 27 th May 2021 7.30 pm by Zoom	