



PUBLIC MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

6:30pm Tuesday 9th October 2018 at Smestow Community School

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<p>FCCA: Chairman Andrew Atkinson Secretary: Brenda Bates Minutes Secretary Barbara Cole Committee Members: Heather Rous Judith Tanswell</p> <p>Wolverhampton City Council: Councillors: Wendy Thompson Jane Stevenson</p> <p>Members of the Public: For part of the Meeting: John Rowley</p>	
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Andrew Atkinson welcomed everyone to the FCCA Public Meeting. He explained that an AGM, for purpose of presenting the accounts, had been planned to take place prior to the public meeting, however this had been postponed because the Treasurer was not available this evening.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Howard Stride and Andrea Cantrill</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Public Meeting 3rd July 2018</p> <p>Heather proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed off by Andrew.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising (Cross references to previous minutes are shown in brackets)</p> <p>4.1 St. Thomas's Update (3)</p> <p>Heather gave an update on St Thomas's. The church is now functioning and the first Sunday service has been held. The bell is back on but as yet there is no rope. There will be a formal opening after the initial snagging has been completed. No money is owed. Money has been received from generous anonymous donations.</p> <p>Brenda thanked Heather for her hard work and liaison with Terry Wilkes in saving the iconic building. Brenda said that Heather should be commended. Andrew seconded this.</p>	

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<p>4.2 Castlecroft Playground Update (5.1) Heather reported that there have been some behavioural issues on the park, typically at around 4pm. The park squad is not currently in place and Heather is to meet with the school to discuss this.</p> <p>Brenda commented that the playground and planting look good. She apologised for not having sent a photograph of the owl to Dawn O'Brien at Wolverhampton City Council's Parks and Green Spaces department, in order for Dawn to organise a naming competition. This was because Brenda had had problems with email which have now been resolved</p> <p>4.3 Motorbikes (5.2) Barbara reported that following a period of quiet, motorbikes have recently been heard going round the playing fields at St Edmunds. They appear to be coming in from the railway line. It was reported that John Rowley had said that the motorbikes are back again and that the youths are now using small bikes which they can get under the barriers that have been put in place. Cllr Jane Stevenson said that there had been motorbikes racing down the railway line. However, it had been observed that the youths were not rude or aggressive. It was also noted that there were no signs indicating that motorbikes were not allowed. It was agreed that the problem has probably arisen because there is nowhere off road for the youths to ride. The Councillors agreed to look to see if there is anywhere where they can go. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored.</p> <p>4.4 PACT Meetings and Police Response (5.3) Andrew reported that the matter where someone had tried to access his property in broad daylight and he had then had difficulty in getting police response, had been resolved.</p> <p>4.5 Air Pollution (5.4) Andrea had emailed the Committee with the results of the Friends of the Earth measurements, they were acceptable rather than dangerously high.</p> <p>4.6 Parking in Bagridge Road (5.6) It was noted that the previous minutes referred to Bagridge Close but should have read Bagridge Road. It was agreed that the issue was school parking and that people were becoming increasingly selfish in the where and how they park.</p> <p>4.7 Large Caravan in Pool Hall Road (5.7) Brenda said that the caravan is now only there at Bank Holidays. Wolverhampton City Council have dealt with the issue.</p> <p>4.8 Pedestrian Crossing in Castlecroft Road (5.8) This issue is currently on hold but further investigations are taking place. There are multiple traders who say that they would lose trade if a pedestrian crossing was put in place. The bus stop would also need to be moved. The children at Smestow School say that they would like a crossing. Cllr Thompson commented that pedestrian safety must come first.</p> <p>4.9 FCCA Website (5.9) Ian Cole has now brought the FCCA website up to date. It was agreed that Ian does a very good job. Heather gave him official thanks.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>WT/JS</p>

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<p>4.10 Smart Device Yoga Future (6.1)</p> <p>Andrew explained the purpose of the Smart Device Yoga computer classes at Bantock Park to Cllr Stevenson. He said that they are held every Wednesday, alternately in mornings and afternoons and have also become a social group. The application for further Lottery funding has been accepted, the money is now in the bank and will be publicised in November when FCCA are allowed to start spending it. The funding is needed in order to pay Wolverhampton City Council for room hire and to pay a trainer for professional help. The Lottery have been told about the community involvement and support that the classes have brought and similar groups are now rolling out the idea.</p> <p>4.11 Funding for FCCA (6.2)</p> <p>Brenda said that she had written to Cllr Thompson asking about the possibility of Wolverhampton City Council providing funding for FCCA. Brenda said that the only funding that FCCA now receive is for the Smart Device Yoga. The funding from Black Country Arts has now finished. FCCA had hoped to receive some funding from the Tettenhall & District Community Council (T&DCC). Cllr Thompson agreed to look into funding and to respond to FCCA the following day.</p>	WT
<p>5 Issues</p> <p>5.1 Windmill Building</p> <p>Heather asked the councillors what is happening to the Windmill Building because currently it spoils the look of the Castlecroft playground. The building is council owned and is not being used. At one point there was a youth club there. Cllr Thompson agreed to find out more. It was agreed that there is a need for more facilities for young people.</p> <p>5.2 Ceeders Club – Planning Application for Change of Use</p> <p>The Ceeders is currently a private members club. Heather said that she had received a letter informing her that there has been a planning application for a change of use to a drinking establishment with food. Brenda said that she had spoken to other neighbours who have not received letters. She said that she wishes to find out more about it, for example, opening hours and cooking facilities. She said that she currently knows of one objection. Brenda said that the area is currently quiet and that she fears that there will be a smell from the cooking. Heather said that the change of use would be out of keeping with the area and that there would be issues of advertising signs and light pollution. The oak tree must also be preserved although there is currently not a preservation order on it. The councillors said that they had just recently received an email about the planning application. The planning officer is Kirsty Hodson.</p> <p>5.3 Dumping at Garages in Westacre Crescent</p> <p>Judith spoke about the dumping of rubbish at the garages in Westacre Crescent, specifically the first garages behind the flats and passed the library. Cllr Thompson said that she had been looking at garage sites throughout Wolverhampton and some were in a terrible state. She agreed to take up Judith's issue.</p>	WT
<p>6. Any Other Business</p> <p>6.1 Bridge Washing</p> <p>John spoke of the proposals for washing Castlecroft Bridge, however, as yet there is no date when this will take place. Heather said that it was a good idea.</p>	
<p>7. Provisional Date and Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Howard Stride will be asked to present the accounts at the December meeting, the proposed date is Tuesday 11th December at Smestow Community School.</p>	AA