**Kirkbarrow Residents’ Association**

***Update on issues etc.***

As only Geoff and I turned up for our scheduled meeting on 13th July (there had been several apologies), plus David B who arrived (late) after we’d gone, I thought I’d provide the below update for info.

Visit to the Mayor’s Parlour

Deferred, due to Covid on the increase again.

Changes to the Constitution

It was agreed at the last meeting to make some changes in order for us to be eligible for inclusion by the Giving Force Charity, in which Barclays Bank participates.

However, such changes can only be agreed by the AGM, so this item is deferred until September.

Further, I was going to suggest that we reduce the number of meetings stipulated in the Constitution from 6 per year to a minimum of 4, as we’ve now completed all our significant projects so it’s now just a case of arranging ongoing youth activities and dealing with other issues as they arise. What do people think about this suggestion?

Treasurer’s Report

We currently have £1259.70 in General Funds, with all other monies allocated to the projects for which they were awarded.

Community Police

As suggested at the last meeting, I got in touch with Sgt. Suzanne O’Neil to request either a Police presence at our meetings or at least a report. Suzanne confirmed that PCSO Jenna Egglestone, who only works part-time, looked after our area but not exclusively. Also, they don’t provide reports but there’s a newsletter, which I have signed up to and will forward on to you. I did try to download a crime report for the area but, after 4 hours, the files were inaccessible. However, clicking on the link under the heading “Crime figures” near the bottom of the newsletter opens up a map, which you can then navigate/enlarge to see the crimes reported in the area. Jenna was hoping to attend our meeting on the 13th but, in the event, couldn’t due to Covid.

Councillors

Richard, who was also down with Covid, had let me have the following report.

“(1) Mr.John West of Barnholme asked me if I could find out more about the re-routing of the footpath by the Kirkland Hall, as the closure of most of the Parish Hall car park is hampering the use of the Hall. The Environment Agency has submitted an application to move the footpath to the Cumbria County Council Environment and Highways Dept. The town clerk told me that a decision on this matter might be imminent at a CCC Hub meeting in the town hall. Am awaiting further info.

The Environment Agency has also been held up in its work by the discovery of various pipes and cables not listed on their maps!

I visited the Flood Information Hub on Little Aynam Road. They confirmed the application made to Cumbria County Council, and that the Parish Hall, Kirkland Hall site should be clear by September.

(2) I was contacted by Mrs. Burrow of 39 Well Ings about an infestation of rats and mice at the top end of her garden. An adjoining garden contained rubbish bags, which might have been a cause. I couldn't go round myself due to Covid(!) so contacted the  S.L.D.C. locality team. They went to see the situation and have contacted South Lakes Housing who will assist the tenant to remove the rubbish bags.

Mrs.Burrow thinks that the rats also breed beneath her shed and her neighbours. I believe councillor Finch has been to look at the situation.

When I test positive I will call round to see how things are.

The council used to have pest control officers, but these services are now all contracted out, apparently.

I wondered if there were any other infestation problems on the estate?

Handrails in Kirkbarrow Lane - Latest development is that the relevant landowners/residents whose properties may be affected by drilling are in agreement with the job being done. Finances and planning have been given the go-ahead by the council. So we are now just waiting for the contractors to start work.”

Activities & Events Programme

We had booked GLL staff from the Leisure Centre to run our sports and games sessions in Kendal Parish Hall on Thursdays during the school holidays. They gave back word due to staff shortages but, thankfully, agreed to run sessions on 4 Mondays after I appealed.

Shelter @ ‘Bus Stop at the top of Echo Barn Hill

Have sent in the request, together with the supporting petition, for the Town Council to take responsibility for any future maintenance of the shelter. As and when they agree (or not), we’d need to secure both funding for the shelter; “someone” to install it; and seek permission from Cumbria Highways as to its position.

Road Safety: Ghyllside School Entrance, Greengate Lane

This item had remained on the Agenda pending erection of the one-way signs around the triangle at the junction of Well Ings and Greengate Lane.

However, Geoff reported that this could not now proceed as SLDC had raised objections due to their refuse wagons being unable to manoeuvre round the triangle.

Therefore, we might as well remove this item from the Agenda as all other safety improvements have been effected.

Meetings via Zoom ???

As it’s becoming increasingly difficult for some to attend face-to-face meetings, especially reps from our partner agencies/organizations, I wondered what the Committee thought about doing them via video conference, on Zoom, as I think everyone’s got access to a compatible PC/Tablet/Phone.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, either by e-mail or at the AGM on 28th September 2022, which will be face-to-face in The Neighbourhood Centre at Ghyllside School.

Diane

17 July 2022