**Whalley Range Community Forum**

**Minutes of meeting** Date: 11th January 2024 Trafalgar Court

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| **Attendees:** |  |
| Bill Williams - WRCF & Victoria Road Residents, trustee | Paul Benson Hannan – WRCF Planning Officer, trustee |
| Martin Rathfelder – Kingsbrook Residents Association, trustee | Chris Ricard – WRCF Development Worker |
| Freddi Greenmantle – Age Friendly Whalley Range/Chorlton/Fallowfield, | Ken Williams – Trafalgar Court resident |
| Ted Hiscock – Trafalgar Court resident | Kate Richardson - WRCF Admin Support |
| Carol Packham – WRYOA, Time to Change & Celebrate, trustee |  |
| **Apologies:** |  |
| Ann Knowles - Rainbows, Guides, Guide Leader, trustee | Malgorzata Kmita – St Edmunds Church |
| Jim Donohue - Residents British Muslim Heritage Centre Development Liaison Group | Cllr Muqaddasah Bano – Manchester City Council |
| Helen Tate - Residents British Muslim Heritage Centre Development Liaison Group | Cllr Aftab Razaq – Manchester City Council |

1. **Welcome/Introductions/Apologies**
2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed as a correct record

**Matters arising:**

1. Councillor surgeries

Agreed that is was useful to include these with WRCF minutes, Kate will check with Martin to ensure information is up to date

1. Anti-poverty strategy meeting.

Neighbourhood officers have endorsed use of what’s app group. Discussion about whether to redo cost of living leaflet. Decided on asking local shops to display posters. Will ask people who use JNR8 how they would like to receive information from us. Will see if we can organise distribution volunteers.

1. **Updates**
2. **Impact of cost of living crisis**

Extra funding for warm hub has been received

Information distributed regarding cost of living crisis as it is still relevant.

1. **BMHC Projects/BMHC Residents Liaison Group**

Not present

Nothing has changed

1. **WRCF including workers reports**

Chris and Kate tabled reports (attached)

Funding received:

Mcr City Council £1500

Police £900

NHS £2000

Film company £500

Will used to keep warm hub going, warm packs and toiletries

1. **Celebrate**

Date: June 8th Manley Park

If funding received will be a bigger festival over more dates.

Steering Group put an application into Awards for All – turned down as “some irregularities” said couldn’t mention reason because of data protection. Chris/Rick/Carol have done a lot of work wrote letter Awards for All now accepts that they have made a mistake they will now process application (now very delayed). Chris (with help from Carol and Rick) will be corresponding with Awards for All about this situation as if not for the delay we would have started working on Celebrate on 15th January 2024.

1. **Friends of Alexandra Park**

The only officer elected was Tony Craven as treasurer.

Tony Craven is currently standing in for all other officers.

Freddi volunteered to act as secretary if needed.

Volunteers carrying on running lodge 3 days per week.

Paul will continue to be the rep for WRCF

Angela Downing Chair of Alexandra Park governing board

Chris will check to see if Angela will attend WRCF meetings.

1. **Whalley Range Clean Air Hub/Climate Action Group**

**Climate Action Group**

**20th Jan 11 – 1pm**

Tree Sub Group – looking at tree action plan . Whalley Range highest level of tree cover in city.

St Margaret Centre are planting 130 trees

**Let’s Talk Clean Air**

Not present

**Walk/Ride Whalley Range**

Problem with flooding in Kingsbrook Resident’s Association – drains not cleared.

1. **Carlton Club**

Not present

1. **Whalley Rangers**

Not present

1. **Nello James Centre**

No current information. Site is deteriorating.

1. **Reports.**
2. **Police** – Chris will email new inspector and ask for report. Chris relayed housing issue in Cromwell Avenue. Tenants Union report issues with mould in private rented houses.
3. **Councillors** – No reports.
4. **Surgeries:**

**Cllr Aftab Razaq**

3rd Monday of the month (except Christmas & Bank Holidays)

Between 5.30 – 6.30pm

The Range Medical Centre

121 Withington Road M16 8EE

**Cllr Muqaddasah Bano**

1st Friday of the month (except Christmas & Bank Holidays)

between 4 – 5pm

2nd Saturday of the month

Between 2 – 4pm

Manley Park Play Centre

York Avenue M16 0AS

**Cllr Angeliki Stogia**

1st Sunday of the month

12 noon

Chorlton Lodge

Alexandra Park

1 Smalldale Avenue M16 7JH

1. **Planning** –

LGBT+ majority care scheme – consultation Friday 2 – 8pm and Saturday 12 – 2pm at the site. Comments on plans..

College/Wood Road – planning application withdrawn 11th January 2024. May be resubmitted.

Original application involved removal of some trees from the site.

1. **Ward Co-ordinator** – Not present. Next ward co-ordination meeting Feb 10th BMHC.
2. **Information Share**
3. New manager at Trafalgar Court – Clare. Jo has left. The residents are not happy with this situation.
4. **Any Other Business**

Trafalgar Court resident raised issued of excessive littering – Chris will let councillors know.

1. **Date of next meeting**

14th March 2024 – AGM. Will try for Trafalgar Court again.