

Minutes of Meeting 16th January, 2010

In attendance: Carol French, Lucy Bell, Carol St. John, Ziggy Brennan, Julinie Nasir, Jay Venn, Deborah Allen, Avril Mackinstosh, Denise Delalande

Agenda:

- a. Funding/future funding
- b. Plans for garden work
- c. Open Day
- d. AOB
1. Current funds £694. Petty cash £100ish. £1000 Brent Neighbourhood, Brava £440
2. AM sent through Big Lottery Streaming Fund. The area targeted is Queens Park but we are just outside of allotted catchment. It was suggested that we could submit an application saying we are reaching out to people within catchment. There is a 1 mile radius considered. £33,000 on offer - to be shared. JV will look at it and email for perusal of application. ZB is willing to assist in looking at proposal. No other funding streams known.
3. Karl discussed with James Young Brent Council the possibility of having the lease, not forthcoming but lack of lease could be a problem for funding opportunities
4. CF Big Lottery Fund Community Libraries Programme. Breathing Places, possibility of funding - all present looked at leaflet. ZB will check out this avenue
5. Karl contacted Mick about clearing 2nd lot of rubbish but to date nothing eventuated. We have enough funds to cover the cost of a skip. However we could pay a 'man with a van' and with volunteer help a morning will shift the rubbish. We have parking permits.
6. AM suggested emailing/shaming Phil Lobber
7. JV suggests planning a time table
 - 7a: Open Day 15th May
 - 7b: To do list prior to Open Day
 - 7c: Clear rubbish
 - 7d: Weeding and general tidying of the garden
 - 7e: Grow plants to sell on day - bedding plants, tomato plants - heritage seeds from Martin. Popular last open day were herb plants. JV will do seed shop, distribute amongst volunteers for us to grow in preparation to sell on open day. Begin this job Feb/March. It was decided that £60 was sufficient to spend on seeds

7f: advertising

7g: Tombola - DD to do

7h: Individuals to scrounge for goodies to use in tombola. Cakes to be baked

7i: Leaflets/poster - JN to arrange

7j: Liaise with Starbucks for coffee/tea on day - CSJ to do. CSJ also doing sweets/game idea - very successful last year

→7k: trellis needs to be erected - heavy job. JV will investigate fencing costs

7l: DD/CSJ connect with local business for funding and invite to open day

7m: DD - ad in Brent Magazine, Kilburn Times

1. CF is stepping down from Trustee position - thank you for your past help and continued assistance with the garden project. CF nominated CSJ was put forward as ideal candidate for position. However, CSJ was extremely honoured but due to other commitments unable to take the role. DD will unless someone else would like to put themselves forward.
2. Charity status - DA to sort out as extra info. Required
3. DD suggested a Pomp and Ceremony event for local businesses, church, police, councillors, neighbours to attend a Pimms/cake event for possible support, funding, recognition. Possible time: midsummer solistice
4. Dripping tap will be sorted out by Chris, JV's mate
5. LN will take over email list from AM
6. There is a general feeling of despondency over the garden, lack of momentum - lack of library representation

Date of next meeting: 6th February 2010

The Wall?