



Minutes

Vartry Residents' Association Committee

Date: Tuesday October 14th 2014

Time: 7pm

Venue: Woodberry Down Baptist Church

In attendance: Chitra, Bennie (Chair), Claire, Abi, Nic, Carol, Ruby, Deborah, Mary, Harriet.

a) Apologies for Absence: Received by Charles.

b) Review of the Big Lunch

We received funding support for the event from Haringey Council Grants, Stamford Hill Sainsbury's and St. Mungos-Broadway. Including the raffle we received about £750 and the event costs were about £600. Partners enjoyed the event and supported the Committee with activities and event insurance. It felt like a collective event and a strong sense of 'we' from both the Committee and partners.

It was an incredible amount of work for the organisers, in terms of application processes and planning.

c) Engagement with Groundwork

We agreed that VCRA members do not have time to commit to supporting Groundwork and local initiatives they are leading on. Carol is happy to be a VCRA link for Judy and will circulate information. Deborah will explain the situation and make introductions.

d) Residents meeting and AGM

Bennie suggested the VCRA consider becoming constituted to become a Friend of a local park. The main role of the group would be to represent issues as they arise. However, it was agreed that we risked spreading ourselves too thin and overpromising. So it was agreed that we could not do this at this time.

It was however acknowledged that Carol as committee member, would be a VCRA link to Groundwork regarding Paignton Park and Manchester Gardens.

Harriet will scan and circulate the up to date constitution and we will hold an AGM in February 2015 at which the constitution will be reviewed. A suggestion will be to reframe the obligation to hold 3 residents' meetings per year to incorporate our public events.

e) Planning for next event

Claire wrote to Sue at Triangle following the Big Lunch event, due to some miscommunication about the activities taking place on the day. Sue has since suggested that we co-host the Christmas Fair on December 13th.

Carol, Bennie and others are happy to attend a meeting with Sue to plan the Christmas event. Claire will email Sue to suggest this. The Committee agreed that we would request a donation from Sainsbury's next year but that we have sufficient funding and a gift card balance to support the Christmas event.

The Committee will suggest to Sue that several organisations are invited to attend on the basis that they can contribute activities for the community:

- MDHT (incorporating PACT) (Chitra to contact)
- St. Mungos-Broadway (Harriet to contact)
- Groundwork (Chitra to contact)
- Local Safer Neighbourhood Team (Deborah to contact)

Young at Heart will be at the event along with children's activities and a tom-bola geared towards children.

Chitra asked members to pass her any quality unwanted goods to use at the tom-bola.

Abi offered to update last year's leaflet and agree the final with Claire and Harriet. We hope MDHT will support some of the printing of up to 1,000 leaflets.

We will meet to plan the event **on Thursday November 20th at 7-8pm** and Ruby confirmed that we can meet in the Church.