



Minutes of High Town Improvement Action Group Thursday 1st June 2017

Present Kim Greig, Lyn Bliss (minutes), Maureen Allen, Andy Malcolm, Pete Savage, Kevin Poulton, Philippa Collier

Clean up Days

Area - streets Mussons Path to Clarendon Rd
500 Fliers printed at amazing cost of £1.80.

Maureen to put some in shops.

Kevin to use others for promotion in libraries etc.

250 for door knocking on **Fri 9th 6.30** High Town Methodist Church Hall. Lyn, Maureen, Philippa, Kim, John, Pete

Kim to order 20 good quality litter pickers tomorrow

Luke to order hi viz vests

Maureen to contact Emma – re more sharps boxes, bags

Kim to prepare box of Fair Trade refreshments and plates / forks etc to be given to

Maureen to take on day. Don't throw unused ones away.

Balance of grant - still looks as though we will have sufficient for next FoHT newsletter which could advertise the autumn litter pick.

Maureen to keep track of budget & what is spent

On day we should arrive by 9.30 to get bags boxes, pickers organised

Philippa to welcome people and take contact details

Kim to provide contact sheets

Lyn to provide recycling lists

Lyn to get people into groups of 5 or 6 as they arrive and send them out to do one street. Groups to contact Lyn once street is finished to see which street next.

Lyn to check with Christina about supervising food left while we are litter picking.

Dates of next litter picks At Kevin's suggestion it was agreed to change date of next litter pick from Sat 29th July to Sun 30th July 1.30pm. Kevin also suggested changing next one from Sat 7th October to Sun Sep 17 – Andy, Lyn, Pete away then – decision at next meeting.

Lyn to contact Luke about involving more churches.

Outstanding from previous minutes

Neighbourhood Watch areas

Maureen to chase Emma as no response about email addresses for these people

Path's litter problem - Much improved with extra bins. As this area comes under housing not street cleaning the collection is twice a week.

Andy to see if he can find out which days.



Big bins like night safes to be introduced for black sacks that don't go down small chutes.

Flickering lighting on Paths estate. All resolved

Email list for group **Kevin** to do

Man in tent – appears to have gone as has been threatened with removal from Luton if tent reappears. Lyn spoke to him and he says only accommodation offered was in Essex and he is applying for jobs in Luton. Says he has key worker at Noah and at Council. **Maureen** to make some enquiries.

TV shop Work on Welbeck Square scheduled to begin after HT Festival. Council are trying to get fencing moved back to boundary. Also agents have applied for permission to re-erect scaffolding. Hope this does not interfere with or delay Welbeck Square improvements.

Park benches that vandals removed These have been ordered but not yet put in place.

Community litter bins in Edward St

Kim and Maureen to email Andy to request them.

Phone box Edward St Maureen had contacted BT who said they wanted to remove it but LBC planning dept said NO. I think it was said that BT will remove it 12 months after approval. **Andy** will chase planning dept

22c Edward St Andy fed back they are using 3 flats as 1, so fact planning application was turned down not being breached. Just one family with 5 or 6 adults and 3 children so not breaking HMO rules either.

22 Edward St Still quiet – tenants not returned.

Contaminated recycling bins Refuse workers to be reminded that if only small contamination, they should remove it and take the bin.

Parking in front of garages on Paths estate LBC looking at putting up bollards (Reply to last 2 points received day after meeting)

Street cleaning

Plan is to do a deep clean for a day when cars must park elsewhere.

Only about 6 forms from Piotr. Not enough to carry any weight.

Meanwhile Maureen's suggestion to Rachel about street sweepers also sweeping gutters has been passed to different Councillor with that responsibility now.

Maureen to chase.



New issues

Phone box Moulton Rise

Pete to contact BT about its removal.

Gardening project

Luke & Sam have had positive feedback from LLAL for funding to continue gardening project. LLAL want more info. Could maybe award £5,000

Lyn has some plants that she needs to remove from her garden that maybe could be used in HT. **Lyn** to send photos to Philippa.

Item I accidentally omitted from agenda – so we include it next time

Phone box opposite station Maureen had checked it was not working. I think there was other feedback from elsewhere but can't remember.

Date next meeting Thu_July 6th 9am Community Centre