

## **Minutes of High Town Improvement Action Group Monday 20th March 2017**

**Present** Emma Colcough LBC, Kim Greig (chair), Lyn Bliss (minutes), Maureen Allen, Pete Savage, Piotr, Philippa Collier (on phone)

**Apologies** Natalie Feerick, Councillor Andy Malcolm

### **Actions from previous minutes**

021 – Emma felt it more appropriate to invite enforcement officer to our clean up than to come to talk at meeting and Kate did come to help. D

032 – Emma to send a list of Neighbourhood Watch areas

033 – Enforcement officers continuing to contact landlords and take to court about fly tipping on their land

039 – Emma has checked and landlord is going to court to get bailiffs in

Apologies from Lyn that I omitted to put a number of outstanding items from the previous meeting onto the agenda, so I am adding them here just to make sure they get included in the next agenda.

Community bins for Paths estate – raised by Philippa at Ward forum – unsatisfactory response.

**Philippa** to email us a copy of what she has sent to Andy

Lighting on Paths estate – raised by Philippa – flashing lights - resolved?

Cleaning schedule – requested by Maureen, not sure if Andy replied or not.

Back of 235 a-e North St – sofas and rubbish – raised by David – not sure if resolved

### **Emma no longer to attend our meetings**

All very sad to hear Emma is no longer to attend our meetings. One of the problems has been that she has bypassed the system in order to get things done for us and then the problem has not been recorded in the system. The council also felt that it was unfair on other areas of the town that she did so much for High Town, so now we have to go it alone and put pressure on our councillors instead.

Emma will provide us with a list of whom to contact. Generally 101 for anything to do with drugs or antisocial behaviour. 510330 for flytipping also My account on LBC website good to use. [www.luton.gov.uk/myaccount](http://www.luton.gov.uk/myaccount)

It was suggested Emma would contact Mahwish to see if she can attend our meetings if we made them at 7pm but I think this is now redundant as we decided to meet during the day and combine this with attending the councillors surgery.

A vote of thanks was given to Emma for all the hard work she has done on our behalf over the last months.

### **Email list**

Emma has a list of several residents whom she contacts about meetings. It would be good if we could have an email list that we could all send to that included all these people, then as new people want to join, their details only need to be added in one place, rather than us all set up a separate group.

**Kim** to talk to Kieran to see if he is able to do this

**Pete** to send us a list of all his contacts

### **Report back from clean up day Mar 4th**

Brilliant turnout 40+. Good atmosphere. Lots of rubbish cleared. Not enough litter pickers. Lyn had produced list of suggestions for next time.

### **Dates of other clean up days**

Next one Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June

Area Mussons Path to Clarendon Rd.

**Philippa & Maureen** to arrange to buy some litter pickers. Need to check how much was in budget.

### **Frederick St bins on street and litter outside shop**

Piotr raised a number of issues

- wheelie bins left on pavement

- rubbish out side shop – owners using public litter bin for own use

- parking outside garage rented from council preventing him from accessing it

Piotr knew of examples in Hackney where the council would fine people for such offences. We didn't really discuss this due to lack of time. Suggested Piotr phones 510330 and speaks to waste management and environmental enforcement about the bin problems.

### **Man in Tent**

A number of agencies are working to try to resolve the situation including housing, highways, police, anti social behaviour team, neighbourhood enforcement team (there could have been others that I missed!) so we just have to be patient and see what occurs.

### **Next gardening event 1<sup>st</sup> April 10-1**

Planting next to Noah's. Luke to advertise.

### **Street Cleaning**

Lyn reported that she has spoken to a worker doing the street cleaning that morning. He said they used to cleaned every 2 weeks but now with the cuts they are done less often with no regular rota. He said there was a problem with parked cars as some are always there when the truck goes along so that part of the street is never cleaned. He suggested we suggest arranging to clear certain problem roads of all cars for a certain day/time. Maybe something to think about in future.

**Next meeting** suggested 27<sup>th</sup> April 11am

