



Minutes of High Town Improvement Action Group Thursday 4th May 2017

Present Kim Greig, Lyn Bliss (minutes), Maureen Allen, Andy Malcolm, Christina Unsworth (parts)

Outstanding from previous minutes

Neighbourhood Watch areas

Maureen to contact Emma to see if we have email addresses for these people

Path's litter problem

9 community bins have been placed in Paths Estate and are to be emptied twice a week. Andy reported there was to be better access to chute bins. Maybe Philippa can give some feedback as to whether these 2 measures are helping litter problem.

Flickering lighting on Paths estate. **Lyn** to check with Philippa which lights and if resolved as she is aware of one near Mussons Path.

Rubbish at back of 235 a-e North St. Andy reported Enforcement team served an ongoing enforcement notice on landowners.

Email list for group **Kim** to contact Kieran

Man in tent – he is back – ongoing problem – various agencies working on it – **Maureen** to contact MIND

Lyn & Piotr's visit to Andy's surgery – **Andy** still to email responses.

Clean up Days

YSYW report Maureen and others thanked for all the effort they had put in. Pete had offered some suggestions that we could consider in the future but felt no need to amend report – send as is.

June 17 litter pick - Kim can't make that date. Not sure about access to church. Decided to meet at Community Centre 9.30 to hope we move off before 10.

We want to purchase about 20 good quality litter pickers. **Kim** to contact Signpost/Emma and take responsibility for ensuring they are purchased. **Kim** to ask Philippa if we can store them in her garage.

Hi viz vests we could borrow but they are not expensive. **Andy** to ask Luke if he can get 20 printed with High Town logo.

Emma has plenty of sacks and will be able to supply sharps boxes.

Lyn to get A6 sheets for everyone making it clear what items go into which colour sacks.



Publicity – good to knock on local doors as last time and put some in shops. 250 fliers would be good. **Lyn** to liaise with Luke. **Lyn** will liaise by email on date for door knocking.

Kim to prepare box of Fair Trade refreshments to be taken to Community Centre on Friday 16th. We will have collecting boxes for anyone who would like to donate towards refreshments. Maureen suggested using the boxes we had for collection for TV man.

Area – already decided as Mussons Path to Clarendon Road area. Groups and leaders to be decided on the day according to numbers attending.

Balance of grant - Andy suggested we try to leave some money which could then be used for next FoHT newsletter which could advertise the autumn litter pick.

Dates of next litter picks 17th June, 29th July, 7th October

Gardening event 1st April 10-1

Went well. Plants were donated by Vauxhall. Kim is to have review meeting with the gardeners.

Edward St has many milk & beer bottles in planters near Greenbank. Maybe these planters could be included in future gardening projects.

Enough money to pay 2 gardeners till end April. Have applied for more funding from Airport Foundation. Near Neighbours has funding for another year so that may also be a possibility. Next Community Gardening day to be at church opposite the English Rose. On 13th May 10-1. Mainly digging. **Lyn** has a small hazel tree which could be used.

Street Cleaning

Andy reported that this is done every 2 weeks on a Wednesday in most of High Town. High Town Rd is done daily.

Piotr has been busy knocking on doors in Frederick St, Reginald St, William St and Havelock Rd. Positive response from residents about moving cars so streets could be cleaned but he wasn't at meeting. Andy feels the Council will not want to implement this but if we get many signatures they may have to consider it. **Lyn** to contact Piotr to see how it is going.

Problems that need to be raised with Andy

Andy recommends reporting via Myaccount. **Lyn** had reported several things this way and most had been resolved. One instance of fly tipping on highway reported twice, response completed but fly tipping still there. **Lyn** to send picture and details to Andy.

AOB

TV shop - As planning applications were refused the scaffolding has been taken down



and work has stopped. It is secure but looks like a bomb site. The lack of progress is holding up the Welbeck Square work. **Andy** to follow up.

Park benches - Andy reported Council are replacing the 3 benches in Peoples Park that were vandalised.

Community litter bins in Edward St. - Children leave lots of litter to/from school. **Kim** to ask for community litter bins for Edward St.

Phone box in Edward St – **Andy** will see what he can do to get it removed

Phone box opposite station This is an eyesore. **Maureen** to check if it is in working order. Other places have converted them to cash points. We didn't feel this would be suitable for High town. Maybe we could renovate it a bit and use it as a notice board as we have lost the one that used to be there.

22c Edward St – HMO sought retrospective planning permission. **Andy** to check that if it was turned down do Council check the property is put back as it was.

22 Edward St being renovated and done up. Much quieter – but may not last once new tenants are in

Get Together Day 16-18 June

Nationwide events as a memorial to Jo Cox. Kim raised this and suggested we combined it with the litter pick. Maybe encourage participants to bring food to share. Community Centre open till 2pm. Need to make sure we return from litter pick with time for this.