



Public meeting 12th November 2019 7:00pm for 7:15pm

Methodist Church Hall

High Town Road

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1. Apologies received from two residents and Cllrs Malcolm and Hopkins who arrived later.
2. Those present (seven residents) welcomed by Chair DL. Three other committee members present – SB, GB (minutes) and SW.
3. Policing issues- no representative of Beds Police present.
4. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes which were approved. Progress re HMO petition – to be discussed later in meeting.
5. Guest speaker – Lauren Cox, Offender Hub Co-ordinator, Direction for Bedfordshire-addressed residents about the scheme. Funded by Police and Crime Commissioner. Signposting and guidance service for ex-offenders, especially those released from prison. Referrals can be taken from website, email and phone. Have FB page and engage with service users through online discussions. Service not there to case manage. Has links with voluntary, statutory and non- statutory sectors. Drop in sessions across Bedfordshire, including prison. Established at meeting possible links with Hope Church to run drop in there. Website has online service directory-only a few services are offender specific. (www.directionforbedfordshire.co.uk). See attached leaflet for full details.

Always looking for venues in which to hold drop in centres. **Action-Lauren asked residents to spread the word.**

Lauren thanked for her attendance and left meeting.

6. Airport consultation-discussion on planned expansion of airport and implications for High Town area. Discussion assisted by arrival of Cllrs Malcolm and Hopkins who due to election perdue could only answer questions or queries. Two consultations are due to be held locally, Friday 15th November from 4pm -8pm St. Francis Church, Carteret Road Tuesday 19th November from 2pm -8pm. Stockwood. Residents urged to attend a consultation to be informed of issues, including possible impact on local roadworks which may commence before airport consultation has completed. **Action- to bring matter back to December meeting to agree a form of words that is a F of HT response to the airport consultation.**



7. Planning applications-22 and 23 Crescent Rise- action--PS to investigate further. Progress on building works on North Street, Taylor/York Streets and Burr Street mentioned. Building works on two sites on Hitchin Road-allegation by one resident that on one site building firm have encroached on service road at the rear.
Action- DL to have a look at site and take further action if required.
236 High Town Road – requesting consideration for retrospective permission.
Action-Executive Committee to examine detail asap.
8. HMO petition- petition to be submitted asap due to election but meeting to consider will not be until 27th January 2020. **Cllr Malcolm advised MA to send petition with Change.Org link to Chief Executive with Cllr Malcolm copied in.**
9. Events – feedback given by GB on ½ marathon/10k race – general discussion about some aspects of race that cause inconvenience.
Wardown House – see Culture Trust website for activities prior to Christmas.
High Town Christmas Living Advent calendar- leaflet due out soon. **Please contact Sam Willis if you are able to distribute leaflet locally.**
Tree planting in People’s Park – part of Living Advent calendar for December
Bulb planting in Peace Garden- Saturday 16th November 10.00am
Community choir for Christmas – rehearsal 8th December St Matts.3-5.
Performance on Sunday 22nd December 6-7. All welcome.
Ale and Carols -Bricklayers Arms 7.30pm onwards Sunday 22nd December
10. Reports –
EHT- work with Noah, Villa Road and Burr Street carpark
HTIAG – litter pick and Speed Watch progress.
Conservation area- Ah Geek Out has had another break-in and goods taken.
Action- DL has conducted some research and identified other ways to secure premises that fit in with a conservation area- will liaise with Ah Geek and council officers.
People’s café- still awaiting decision from Sec of State. Fund raising event to be held at St Christopher’s on 25th January 2020. Will include auction of premises.
11. A.O.B
Rubbish outside 72 Reginald Street – has been there for a month despite complaint-resident has had verbal abuse from landlord of property.
12. **Time and date of next meeting- Tuesday 10th. December 7.00pm for 7.15pm**