

## Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 May 2023

**Present:** Jack, Nic, Katerina, Adam (who apologises for the sub-part minutes!)

**Apologies:** Zoe, Sophie, Sammy

**Resigned:** Sam

### 1. Renaming the group

It is known that there is significant confusion over the group's membership over whether they are members or not. There are followers of the constituted group's Facebook page and members of an unofficial but similarly named Facebook group over which the committee has no influence. This has resulted in people not realising they aren't members and therefore don't have a vote and also in misinformation. In light of the continued confusion and also to move on from some of the negativity from previous incarnations under the same name, it was previously proposed that the group adopt a name change. Possible names were presented to the committee with a clear preference for "Churchill Gardens Community Association" rising to the top.

**Vote** - Rename "The Friends of Churchill Gardens" to "Churchill Gardens Community Association" – unanimous vote (4) in favour of this name.

**Action** – Vote for the new name will be put on the AGM agenda for members to vote on.

NC suggested acquiring supporting domain names along with a budget of up to £50. the association. – all present voted in favour of this.

**Action** – AP to purchase supporting domains

### 2. AGM agenda plan

- a. Apologies (current committee)
- b. Conduct of members - Chair
  - i. Policies – on website  
**Action** – ZK/AP to add new policies to website
- c. Fundraising and treasurer report - Treasurer
- d. Membership growth - Chair
- e. Introduce name change. Membership vote on this renaming - Chair
- f. Update on past 12 months - Chair
  - i. Street cleanliness and bins – increased collections, replace bins
  - ii. Breakfast Club
  - iii. Jubilee Party
  - iv. Significant effort lobbying for community use of the old building
  - v. Tender process for new building
  - vi. Park redecoration drive – announce date
  - vii. Further plans
- g. Committee Stand Down
- h. Elections
  - i. As per the constitution, the committee must stand down following their report at the AGM. Anyone wanting to stand for the committee, including current committee members must apply.
  - ii. To apply, reply with your name, the name of your seconder (both must be current members) and a 150-250 word statement of why you want to stand.
  - iii. In the event that there are 9 or fewer applicants those applicants will be elected with no ballot
  - iv. Nominations to join the committee must be received by mid-day on 06 June to hello@focg.co.uk
- i. Next AGM date – 18 June 2024

**Action** - AP to send to SP and ZK for circulation to members and invite applicant to join the committee.

**3. Meeting the new councillors**

*After the AGM - invite to an additional meeting with the committee held on a Tuesday.*

**Action** - Jack to get Tuesday dates from them

**4. Street cleaning and bins update**

*No update – carried to next committee meeting – 18 July*

**5. Katerina art and design**

Katerina has offered to renew the ground murals in the park. It is proposed that the council may be able to fund materials for this and must also grant permission.

**Action** - Jack writing to Tina Kirkman on behalf of The Group to get permission for Katerina to paint murals/mazes/hopscotch in the park and also for their provision of paint and materials.

**6. Confirm future meeting dates**

Committee to meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month except August which shall be moved to 05 Sept in advance of the Sept General Meeting

Upcoming dates for reference:

18 July – Committee Meeting

05 Sep – Committee Meeting (delayed August)

19 Sept – General Meeting

17 Oct – Committee Meeting

**7. Growzone**

We were sent a survey by BCP for comment, returned our comments, have received the updated survey back but have not yet actioned this as the council elections were upcoming and we wanted to see the new view of the new council prior to actioning.

**8. Parks Dpt. Play equipment working group**

Discussion of community action day to repaint the play equipment with support from the council.

**Action** – JM to confirm date with parks to be announced at the AGM

**9. Operations and Communications**

- a. How do we get better at doing what we do?
- b. Access to group file storage
- c. Website updates
- d. Policies Status

*Carried to next committee meeting*