Churchill Gardens Community Association
Wednesday 17th June 2026

1. Attendance
Committee: Becky, Julie, Jack, Adam, Nick, Patrick, Shell, Abi
Members and Guests: Rebecca, Martin, AUB Students, other members of the community.

2. Welcome (Becky)
Becky welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the Churchill Gardens Community Association vision, highlighting ongoing efforts to improve the park and strengthen community engagement.

3. Finance Update
- Current balance remains at £729.43
- A painting invoice for £670 is still outstanding to be deducted from that total.

4. CGCA Vision and Project Updates
4.1 Playground Development Update
Rebecca provided an update on the playground redevelopment project.
- £60,000 has been identified and reserved for Phase One of the playground improvements.
- A decision is required shortly regarding the preferred equipment package to ensure the project can progress.
- Additional funding has been identified to support elements of the designs developed by the Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) students.
- Recent park improvements have included:
    - Repainting of the swing frames
    - Installation of new fencing
    - Repairs to fitness equipment completed by Infinity
- Playground suppliers have returned their final design proposals and the evaluation process is nearing completion.
- A final decision on the playground design is expected shortly.

5. AUB Design Presentation

Martin introduced the Arts University Bournemouth students and outlined their involvement in developing concepts for the future enhancement of Churchill Gardens. The students presented a range of ideas focused on:

- Active travel
- Play on the way
- Social interaction and community spaces
- Improved park identity and visual appeal

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Particular praise was given to:

- The colour schemes
- Creative use of language and messaging
- Basketball court artwork concepts
- Proposed lighting features
- Overall vision for the park

Discussion took place regarding the potential implementation of painted artwork within the basketball court area as an initial project.

It was agreed that community feedback should be gathered from current court users before progressing.

Actions:

- Becky and Rebecca to explore community engagement options, including digital feedback methods such as QR codes and online surveys.
- Explore opportunities for local artists to become involved in future artwork projects.

*The group noted that some proposals could be delivered in phases, allowing lower-cost improvements to be completed before larger infrastructure projects such as pathway extensions and lighting installations.

**It was noted that, subject to approval, basketball court artwork could potentially be delivered within 6–8 weeks.

6. AGM Business

6.1 Committee Elections

The AGM election process was conducted.

- Nine individuals expressed interest in joining the committee.
- Members voted to appoint up to eleven committee positions.
- Following the election process, the committee now consists of ten members.

New committee member contact details were collected and shared internally where appropriate.

6.2 Questions & Discussion

General discussion took place regarding future projects, funding opportunities and community engagement.

7. Funding Opportunities

It was noted that the Innovation Team at Arts University Bournemouth may be able to provide support and advice regarding grant funding opportunities.

Action: Committee to explore potential funding support and grant opportunities through AUB's Innovation Team.

8. Next Steps

- Finalise playground procurement process.
- Continue community engagement regarding future park improvements.
- Explore implementation of AUB design concepts in phased stages.
- Investigate funding opportunities through AUB and other grant providers.
- Welcome and onboard new committee members.

9. Next Meeting : Next meeting is **Wednesday 15th July, 6:30-7:30pm.**