

Blackhorse Action Group Organising Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING on 14 November 2010

PRESENT

Organising Committee Members

Sue Grant – Secretary

Peter Harms – Planning & Development Lead

Chloe Herington – Sustainability Lead 2

Irina Hoss – General Member of Org Cttee

Michael Leigh - Treasurer

Nuria Rodriguez – Sustainability Lead 1

Organising Committee Members not present

Neil Meads – Webmaster

Peter Taylor – General Member of Org Cttee

Action

1. To elect a Chair for the meeting

There was currently no elected or co-opted BAG Chair. Michael Leigh was elected to act as Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence from Organising Committee Members

Had been received as noted above.

3. Welcome to ordinary members, associate members and guests

There were none.

4. To confirm minutes of previous meeting – 13 September 2010

Confirmed: The minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. **Action:** Webmaster to post on website.

NM

5. Matters arising from previous Minutes unless taken elsewhere on Agenda

5.1 Contacting people who signed up at 2009 AGM but vanished

Confirmed that, unfortunately, the list had been lost.

6. Money Matters

6.1 Income & Expenditure

Still not possible to prepare a spreadsheet as information from the previous Treasurer had yet to be received. ML to 'chase'.

ML and Next agenda

The Petty Cash fund had been boosted by the £50 winnings at a recent pub quiz.

6.2 Bank Account PIN

Had been agreed at previous meeting. SG signed form and ML would obtain any other necessary signatures and then forward to bank so that PIN is activated to allow online interrogation of account.

ML

		Action
7.	BAG emails	
	ML to conduct 'audit' and advise Org Cttee Members of what group emails exist and who is included in them.	ML
	PH to email all on a group list for those interested in 'Fight the Height' and invite them to sign up as BAG members.	PH
8.	Community garden	
8.1	Saturday sessions	
	Confirmed these are every Saturday – from 1.30pm and each date is included in the Calendar on the website. On the first Saturday of each month the Garden Committee make action plans.	Garden MC
	Recommended: The Garden Committee use the Memberslist@blackhorseactiongroup.org.uk email as appropriate to keep <u>all</u> members in touch with activity on the garden.	
8.2	General report	
	Plans for further development were currently inhibited because DEPF manager (Colin) was reluctant to agree to requests for necessary facilities being available.	
	Agreed: PH to contact Claire Coghill to remind her of her agreement to contact the London Playing Fields Association to see if this impasse could be resolved.	PH
	Agreed: NR to contact the local Scouts and organise a meeting to progress discussion of using area by the Scout Hut in Stephenson Road as a growing area for the BAG Community Garden – and to note that SG and CH happy to attend the meeting.	NR – SG and CH
	Agreed: NR to contact a local resident who would be in a position to request an agenda item at a meeting of Coppermill School Governors to discuss the school's engagement with outreach projects, including co-operation with BAG Community Garden – and to advise that PH would then be in touch.	NR and PH
8.3	Bio-mass from market – and other composting issues	
	There had been no further contact from FRP – and this would not be pursued as it was unlikely DEPF manager would agree to this.	
	Meanwhile, any autumn leaf drop gathered by members could be put in black plastic bags and then delivered to the Community Garden area by the compost bins.	
8.4	Business Plan	
	Agreed: Irina to contact Caroline and ask her to give a presentation on a Sunday in January 2011 (other than 16 January).	IH
8.5	Funding from WWCC	
	Confirmed that this was for a water butt and tent/marquee.	
	Agreed: NR to complete the application. She noted that the BAG constitution includes a statement about 'Equal Opportunities', that ML could provide financial information, including a bank statement, and that with regard to child protection/safeguarding, she should confirm that BAG will always state that any children attending BAG events	NR

must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other carer.

9. Canvassing residents

An opportunity to join with the St James St Library campaigners' November 2010 leaflet drop made it necessary to reach agreement quickly.

The current website questionnaire and two drafts of printed questionnaires were reviewed and discussed.

Agreed: SG was asked to provide a second draft of her proposed version – noting that this should include questions relating to 'green issues' and an invitation to respondents to identify issues on which they would like to become actively involved with other residents in the area.

SG

Agreed: The website questionnaire to then be amended in line with the printed version – but to continue including questions relating to ethnicity, disability, age, gender (which it would not be practicable to include on the printed version).

SG and NM

SG would then progress printing and pay for this 'up front'. If full reimbursement proved not possible, she was happy for the balance to be a personal donation.

13. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Tuesday, 18 January 2011 at 8pm – venue/host tbc