

Community Activities Group Meeting Notes June 15, 2018

Present: Neil (chair), Gerry, Shelley, Isabelle, Joanne, Angela (notes)

Coffee Mornings:

Those organising will be expected to pay the Community rate of £10 an hour for hire of the premises. Request for a grant to cover costs can be submitted to DPAC for funding on a yearly basis. **Shelley** has experience of this sort of application and will follow this up along with **Joanne**.

As the continuation of monthly coffee mornings is dependent on practical support from within the community (to provide cakes, serve coffee, clear up etc) there's a need to find more volunteers to cover different months. Forms available for expression of interest at the last coffee morning produced one response (from an Osbaldwick resident!) A response to her has been made with a suggestion that she contact Pat. The forms will again be around along with teas at SSC for the Open Gardens event. **Pat** has the forms.

Money from DRA:

Gerry gave some background to this and an agreement that in principle a regular sum of money could be allocated to the group to cover the cost of small items as/when they come available, or are needed. There was general agreement, based on previous experience, that this would be useful. Shelley proposed that (eg) £25/£50 four times a year would be better than one yearly sum. Joanne suggested meeting with DRA to talk through a trouble-free approach to the administration of this money, based on her own experience of "petty cash". Also she said a cupboard could be made available for the storage of (non-perishable?) left-over items, available for later use. This still requires further discussion/organisation, including where the money will be held and how allocated. **Joanne** will put forward a proposal to the DRA. **Discuss further in July.**

Big Picnic (July 15, 2018)

Jane has already completed admin aspects in preparation for this (risk assessment etc). Shelley and Isabelle can both lend larger play items for younger children and Sheelagh has received £40 from JRHT to buy games for older (5-8 year old) children. Phill is producing leaflets. Shelley, Isabelle and Angela (and probably others?) are prepared to distribute leaflets. **Jane** to coordinate this (or ask someone else to if not available?) **Joanne** will ask LandPlan to box grass cuttings the week of the picnic to provide a suitable surface for picnics and children's play.

Neil said Pat has arranged to have the event advertised in Osbaldwick Parish news. They have offered this for free. Worth considering this as a means of communicating about community events in future?

On-line events calendar:

No progress on this yet. **To be discussed at July meeting.**

Over 50s Soup and Sandwich.

Pat has tried to contact the church warden at St Thomas Osbaldwick about this but he may be away. Will await his response. **Joanne** said she will also have a word with Tom (JRHT) who has contacts with the church. **Further discussion in July.**

Review of these meetings: Postponed to July. Areas to cover include: change in timing of meetings (after 7pm on a weekday evening suggested), pre-planning of range of events (NB importance of on-line calendar), “appropriate” areas for discussion vs planning to be taken elsewhere. Other?

AOB:

Glasses: **Joanne** hopes to find the glasses required for the SSC at Tesco tomorrow. **Neil** offered to help her (particularly as will be useful for Open Gardens on Sunday)

Open Gardens: Neil handed round a copy of the children’s treasure hunt questions which Chiarina has prepared, and a programme for the day. St Nicks will be offering 2 wildlife walks and DWH will provide free teas. They have been asked for a donation to the food bank. Anita is going to help Sheelagh with reception and distribution of programmes. Still scope for help with teas.

DWH offer: **Joanne** is considering how a coffee machine could be installed in the kitchen without loss of work surface. Will bring back more info to **next meeting.**

BBQs: Any request to hold a BBQ in communal areas needs to be made to JRHT (via Joanne). Considerations include possible noise, damage, disturbance, litter etc A community BBQ would be more straightforward to organise and risk assess.

Table-tennis table: Joanne says there is money available to install a concrete table outside. She is awaiting contact from those interested to decide on an appropriate place for it. **Angela** to follow up.

Play areas: **Joanne** plans to look at improved play facilities, in particular for children with disabilities. **Isabelle** offered to help with this.

First aid training: **to be discussed at next meeting.**

Next meeting:

July 20, 2018 at 10.00am. NB Wendy's presentation scheduled for this meeting is now postponed to a later date to ensure as many of those with some knowledge/experience of the events planning process can be present. **Joanne** will follow this up with Wendy.

All Derwenthorpe residents welcome!

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