

Farncombe Initiative
Notes meeting
27 June 2018
Godalming Lawn Tennis Club

Present

Cllr Steve Cosser (SC), Paul Devereaux (PD), Anne Gray (AG), Suzie Gortler (SG), Tom Hawksley (TH), Matt O'Donoghue (MO), Sue Petty (SP), John Petty (JP), Martyn Sandford, (MS) Sheila Smith (SS), Ross Welland, (RW) Damian Wheeler, (DW)

Dr Martin Brunet (Binscombe Medial Centre) in attendance as a guest presenter

Welcome from Steve Cosser

Apologies for absence

Nick Williams, John Blades

Farncombe Community Garden

Introduction by Dr Martin Brunet on the Growing for Health Farncombe Community Garden project. Aspiration is to have a piece of land for Binscombe patients and the wider community in Godalming. To improve the health and wellbeing of our local community and to create a beautiful working garden to support this. Ideally would like the whole community to be involved and to engage. Farncombe Initiative enthusiastic and supportive about the project.

Community Involvement with Charterhouse School

Students to be considered for any projects to help with Farncombe Initiative, litter picks, planting etc.

Action: SC to pass on contact details to AG

Farncombe Signal Box update

DW has spoken to parties concerned

Action: SG to circulate DW's note and add item to next meeting agenda

Farncombe Station:

Arches Project

Discussion regarding the project and funding. Report circulated with visual concepts of the panels that could be placed on the Station in the bricked up arches. Farncombe Initiative group enthusiastic about the project and support it. Awaiting approval for the concept from South Western Rail. Discussion continued about the C.I.L process and opportunities

Action: SG ACorp membership to be applied for and Station Briefing

Station Appearance

MS reported on the need for tidying/painting picket fences and clearing around station and along perimeter of Station and road.

MS has reported to NWR **Action:** SG to telephone NWR ref: volunteer time.

Station Disability Access – MS reported that lots of agencies involved in this. NWR contact to be engaged to come and visit with Surrey, SWR, potentially others to observe particularly where there are narrow pavements, no drop kerbs, difficult wheelchair access/pushchairs

Update on Swifts

FI group keen to inform public that they can encourage the swift population to nest in Godalming before migration to help grow swift numbers. National Swift groups work to encourage developers to build Swift boxes as norm.

MS reported that Swift info will be available at the FDC fete (14 July). SS and MS alternate between info giving on Swifts and Farncombe initiative at FI Stall on the day. MS reported that John Bannister from Guildford Environmental Forum will attend the FDC fete and bring some swift boxes to show general public.

Update on Balconies

Enforcement letters despatched to all residents 2 balconies reportedly have already been decorated

Action: FI awaiting further info brief from WBC after deadline

Farncombe Day Centre Fete Sat 14 July 2018

Discussion about rota from members – John Petty drawn up rota, more help needed for day.

GTC to provide 2 tables and a gazebo which will be in FI place at the fete on the day.

PD and MO to help erect gazebo. MS has designed FI leaflet (Z fold) for distribution at the fete

AG asked if Binscombe info can be included

Action: SG to contact Nick Marshall ref: display board for Day Centre Fete, JP to collect MS's FI display material from GTC Offices, SG to add Stall info on Social media

100 copies of Z fold SG to check privacy notice on Z fold and ask WBC to print.

Bench audit

Deferred till next meeting

Binscombe Shopping Parade Project

22 September preparing ground day

29 planting and litter pick

Action: 23 July AG visiting Van Arnhem's with Dan Davies to source suitable plants for the area

Jason Hunter – professional gardener has confirmed his availability to assist with helping the project,

SG to list on Social media to encourage assistance from Community.

Any other matters not covered:

Cricket history sign in Farncombe

PD informed group new oak sign new by the cricket club house.

Action: SG to seek information from WBC to explore whether more can be erected

Compete on the street

Farncombe businesses award winners list to group

Action: SG to distribute to FI and to MS potentially for the z-fold

Street Art Farncombe and Binscombe

Following TH and MS visit to Sculpture exhibition. TH, MS and SG have on 2 occasions, surveyed the area for potential sites to have street sculptures placed to encourage well-being. (Engaging in the arts can promote prevention of disease and build wellbeing). Discussion about sculptures followed.

PD mentioned Skillway who could be approached for some input to project. **Action:** Paper to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

Guildford-Godalming Greenway

MS updated ref: route for cyclists, walkers, joggers. The plan went before SCC and Guildford Borough Council 2 weeks ago and they have adopted it into their strategy. Plan going before WBC local committee, reps from SCC to propose it and if Guildford and WBC agree then it has a real chance to go forward.

Greenway Group invited to present at next full GTC meeting.

AOB

PD explained why he initially came to Farncombe Initiative Meeting 5 years ago which was to voice concern over new Leisure Centre development. He planted at his own expense 2 trees, years ago to provide a degree of privacy. These trees have now been removed. **Action:** RW to seek information from WBC and report back to PD

Drop in hearing aid maintenance clinic FOC

NHS trained hearing aid maintenance staff will be offering

Re-tubing, cleaning, battery replacement, free service

Clinics will be held 1st and 3rd Weds in the months starting on 18 July. 10-12pm

Clinic held at St John's Church, tea, coffee chat

Contact Sue Petty for info tel: 07818 582336

JP reported Post Office re-opened at Sid's. SS asked that all those who helped with the re-opening to be thanked.

RW reported the possibility of attending a police patrol visit in July with the Mayor of Godalming Cllr Nick Williams. Discussion followed which areas to visit

MS asked about development at BW Golf course – RW to ask WBC

SC – gave update on usage of Farncombe Toilets usage and explained the counter reset on 1 April so a full year's analysis can be gauged.

Next Meeting Weds 25 July 2018, 8.00pm Godalming Tennis Club