

Communications Committee Meeting

20.11.2023

19/23 Apologies from Gill and Keith.

Regarding the draft minutes from the previous meeting, the budget figures needed to be revised before the minutes can then be signed off.

This meeting on 20th Nov is informal and formal agenda and minutes don't need to be published to the public.

20/23 Community Market stand - did not discuss

21/23 Editor/ writer of Hogsty End articles and Newsletter. Jo explained that she's happy to continue to coordinate the input to these until another councillor takes them over. In the meantime, Jo proposed to continue to compile the newsletter with various articles being contributed by relevant people (see attached Outline Plan for Winter 2023 Newsletter). This approach was agreed.

[@Alex Poppleton](#), please can you send Jo your input by Thursday lunchtime? (I need to do the same). That will allow Jo and Alison to collate all.

22/23 Open Meeting planning. The date of this is not yet fixed, and the dates of when we need to provide input to the planning processes are now later in the year: EWR in the Summer and SEMK in September. It was agreed that it would make sense to have two meetings:

1. an awareness-raising event for the residents etc of WS and
2. an event where we summarise the feedback that we heard at the first session, and an opportunity for residents of WS to discuss with the developers & MKCC

For meeting 1, the purpose would be engagement and finding out what people want. We would share the information we know about SEMK, provide them with an opportunity to ask questions and have their say, and to explain the next steps in the planning process. We would ask for people's concrete suggestions regarding the buffer zone/ green space/ country park

We probably need to provide some information about EWR but only to be able to answer questions, there's no update as yet.

We would also like to engage more actively with Michael Geddes of the Futures Panel as his information would add to the 'collection of information/wants' - do we invite him to this session?

Please let me know your views.

Target date for meeting 1 - mid March

For meeting 2 we would invite representatives from the Developers, Paul V Geete and Paul Thompson from MKCC

We would also like to find a way to involve the schools as the children often have dynamic and creative ideas. We would like to involve them in the consultation.

Jo will send a letter to each of the Headteachers of Swallowfield and Fulbrook.

23/23 50th Anniversary Plans. Sarah to discuss with Gill about the planning for the event. The intended date would be 13th July.

News was shared via Alison about funding being provided by Milton Keynes towards hosting an event, we believe we can use this funding for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

We plan to have a meeting to brainstorm ideas. Meeting to be held in January, would like all members of the Comms Committee to join, plus any other councillors who would like to be involved.

Ideas that were suggested so far

Events on the High street, Community Market, Music (70s disco and bands), ask the children for ideas, "Can you jump as far as Greg?" event (can we get Greg to present prizes?)

24/23 Website - a brief discussion about what people want from the website now that Sarah has a copy of the current contract with Vision ICT.