

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WEST KETTERING (HEADLANDS COMMUNITY) AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM  
Held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at 14.00 at St. Michael and All Angels Church

Attendees

A Armer, R Batty, M Castens, R Cooke, R Dilley, R & J Dunn, P Dyson, H & M Frankland, M Gaskell, G Horrocks, J James, J & K Marchand, C Nolan, Sister Marian, Sister Aidan, G Sylvester, A Walker, N Whiteley

Apologies were received from various Forum Members

Chairman's Report

Harry Frankland outlined the major achievements of the Management Committee during the past 12 months. The Committee had come together with purpose and successfully progressed the legal recognition of the Forum and the Plan Area with Kettering Borough Council (KBC). We had established good links with KBC during the process. Once this process had been completed it allowed us to hold an event with residents to get their views on the Area. This was most productive with many complementary views and ideas coming forward. A copy of a report on the event was on the website and some hard copies were available today. The Committee had lost two members during the year due to various pressures but their contribution had been very positive in getting things moving. He went on to thank the Committee and Cllr Maggie Don for their work and support over the past 12 months

He reminded the Forum that there was a due process that had to be followed and whilst this had its frustrations and was time consuming it will lead to a strong Plan. As ever the support from Forum Members was welcome and essential.

Finances

Neil Whiteley gave a brief resume of our financing. The original funding had been given by Cllr Russell Roberts to get us going. This had allowed us to perform mail shots to all the households and businesses in the area as well as fund meeting venues. The current balance meant that there was no immediate need to look at other funding sources however there was Government funding available once there was specific development costs for the Plan. There may be a need to think of other ways of raising some money at some point.

Next Steps

Kevin Marchand outlined the workload for the next 12 months. This would involve refining the feedback from residents to see what could be done on the basis of Plan input as well as consulting all the non-resident interests in the area – businesses / retail / academic / religious etc. Contact had already been made with the Schools in the area.

Communications

Maureen Castens outlined the hopes we had for the website. It was noted that the website was being supported by a specialist for free and hosted with certain conditions for free as well. Members were reminded that electronic communication was cheap. We hope to use email to alert Members to website updates. Members were reassured that any email address would only be used for NP Forum businesses

Committee Membership

The existing 5 members were re-elected

Maureen Castens

Harry Frankland

Kevin Marchand

Gavin Sylvester

Neil Whiteley

Cynthia Nolan appointed to the committee (Proposed by H Frankland and seconded by K Marchand)