

Minutes



Fullers Slade Estate Renewal Forum

Fullers Slade Community Hub, Spider Park, off Weavers Hill

Monday 13 May 2024

6pm

David Meadows	DM	Resident (Chair)
Simon Cherrill	SC	
Steve Jones	SJ	Resident (Treasurer)
Heather Jones	HJ	Resident
Stephen Summerfield	SS	Resident
Helen Havens	HH	Resident
Donna Addington	DA	Resident
Sarah King	SK	Resident (Chair of Friends of Rowans)
Sammy Harper	SH	Resident
Bianca Bendig-Ceesay	BBC	Resident (Stony Stratford Town Council)

Officers

Zulf Awan	ZA	Milton Keynes City Council Community Engagement Manager
Stephen Bryant	SB	Milton Keynes City Council Community Engagement Officer

1.1 Welcome

DS welcomed all attendees. DS welcomed SH to the forum meeting. All attendees introduced themselves to SH. SH informed group that she has been part of the Projects subgroup, helping to plan activities and volunteer at the various clubs.

DS received apologies from Michelle Calnan.

1.2 Previous Minutes

Group agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 March were an accurate account. DM updated the group on the action points raised at the meeting which included:

- ZA and SB to research the Terms of Reference, this will be covered in point 1.8
- SC to get costings for independent surveyor to carry out EPC assessments, this will be covered in point 1.10
- SS to contact FRSA regarding Souper Saturday, this will be covered in point 1.11
- SB sent out invitations for the meetings on the 13 May and 10 June.
- SB informed group that the order for bunding and a new bollard has been sent to the Highways department.

1.3 Events and Activities

SJ informed group of the activities that the FS ERF held over the Easter period. These activities were:

- Basketball – 4 sessions facilitated by 5 On It
- Easter Egg hunt
- Arts and Craft session
- Trip to Thrift Farm
- Trip to 10 pin bowling at Central Milton Keynes

All these activities were very well attended, residents gave positive feedback. In total 330 people signed into the activities over this period.

SJ then updated the Forum on the weekly activities which were:

- Curry Club – Funding is coming to an end, ERF will be starting World Food Club soon. The Project Subgroup are looking into changing times due to low attendance.
- Afternoon Tea Club – Attendance is slowly increasing.
- Brunch Club - Still very popular with residents.
- Bingo/Hoy – Good attendance, had to change venue last week due to the Local Election. Attendees are enjoying Hoy.
- Jubilee Club - Low attendance. The Project Subgroup are planning to increase the age range from 50 plus to over 30's.

SJ informed group that the Projects Subgroup are planning an event on the 25 May for the opening of the new equipment on Spider Park and a Summer Fete on 31 August. SJ reminded group of the need for volunteers on these dates.

1.4 Spider Park

SB updated Forum on the new play equipment. All the equipment and benches have been installed, the flooring on the accessible play equipment has to be completed. Landscaping team have to complete the painting of the MUGA and the shelters. There was an issue with the height of the zip line mound; landscaping team will raise the mound to make this more accessible to young people. SB has received lots of positive feedback from residents on the new equipment.

SB invited all forum members to attend the Opening on the 25 May from 11am-1pm. The Mayor and other dignitaries have been invited to attend. The ERF will provide refreshments on the day and plan to have activities for young people.

1.5 Accessibility fund

SC informed group that the application for the accessibility fund was sent out on 13 March to the Highways Department at MKCC. SC is waiting for a reply from Highways. SC reminded group the project is to increase dropped curbs on Fullers Slade.

1.6 Banking

SJ updated group on the ERF account. SJ informed group that they have asked for funding to run 9 HaF sessions over the Summer Holidays, ZA has assisted SJ in applying for extra funding for additional projects during 2024. The funding would be used for trips to places of interest for residents.

1.7 Hub maintenance

SB updated forum on:

- Toilet emergency pull cord – this is now completed.
- Manhole cover over the cesspit – this is now completed.
- Lighting for the front of the hub – this is now completed.
- CCTV – Camera at the front of the Hub is working and FS ERF have access to the camera. Camera on the MUGA cannot be repaired but needs to be replaced.
- Small manhole cover - SB informed group this was damaged by SSTC landscapers, on inspection the cover needs to be fixed in the ground.
- Grass around the Hub - SB has put in a landscaping request to MKCC

ACTION: SB to contact SSTC regarding fixing the small manhole cover

HJ informed group that the ERF has applied for a food business licence, and now waiting for the inspector to visit the Community Hub. HJ will be making a weekly cleaning and deep cleaning rota and would like volunteers to help with the cleaning of the Hub. HJ mentioned one of the windows is cracked and the emergency lighting that needs a clean.

ACTION: SB to report window to Mears

ACTION: SB to report emergency lighting to Mears

ACTION: SB to get a date of when grass will be cut.

1.8 AGM

Group discussed and agreed the need for the AGM. Group then discussed the information that would be available and the roles for election. SB gave an update on points on the ToR there is a few points that would need to be agreed at the AGM.

Group agreed that there is plenty of positive projects that the ERF had led over the last two years, the group agreed to hold the AGM at the Rowans Centre. The Group plan to hold the AGM in the next few months.

ACTION: SB to send DM a copy of the ToR that needs clarification

ACTION: SB to find out what days are available at the Rowans Centre in the evening

1.9 Repairs and Maintenance Consultation

ZA updated the group on the Repairs and Maintenance Consultation that was held during February and March 2024. ZA gave the replies from residents to the 13 questions that were asked during the consultation. Forum thanked ZA for the update.

1.10 SHDF update

SB read a report on the Energy Performance Rating (EPR) from MKCC. This report mentioned:

- Housing in Fullers Slade are majority Band C
- Planning for potential funding in the 2025/26 financial year
- MKCC are aware properties need investment to improve thermal performance

SC informed group that it would cost £65 per house for an independent EPR. He also researched 3 properties in Fullers Slade that were between Band B and D. SC stated that the Band D properties he researched were close to the Band C rating.

1.11 FSRA Update

SS informed group Souper Saturday will be on 18 May from 12noon – 1pm this will be held at the Community Hub. SJ asked SS what time the Hub needs to be opened and what time would SJ need to close.

ACTION: SB to share SJ contact details to SS

1.12 A.O.B

BBC informed forum of:

- Gardening organic webinar on 22 May
- Need for food for food parcels
- 27 June is the date for the 'It's your neighbourhood' judging day
- BBC asked about being able to repaint the bollards in Fullers Slade.
- BBC mentioned FSRA will have an article in the SSTC newsletter.

SC would like an update on the feasibility study, and if it can be funded via the Shared Prosperity Fund.

ACTION: SB to speak to Highways about the repainting of the bollards and who BBC needs to speak to about what type of paint to use.

ACTION: SB to have article ready for the deadline for the SSTC newsletter

ACTION: ZA to have a meeting with SC regarding the feasibility study.

1.13 Date of next meeting

Group agreed the next meeting to be on 10 June at 6pm at the Park Hub.

DM thanked all attendees and ended the meeting.