

Culham Community Group Minutes

Minutes 27th March 2012, The Waggon & Horses, Culham

In attendance:

April Jones, Sam Casey-Rerhaye. Andrew Steele, Joan Woodley, Dee Woodley-Shead, John Thomas, Gordon Gibbs, Joan Gibbs, Andrew Churchill Stone, John Storrs, Joan , Alan, Hamish, Victoria, ,

Invited: Anton Nash of ORCC

Apologies: None Received

Following from the initial meeting to launch a village group on 27th February 2012, and the issues raised there, this meeting was convened to develop the group more specifically.

1. S C-R introduced Anton Nash from Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council
2. Anton gave a brief introduction to ORCC and what they did. ORCC is a registered charity, and has funding from the district, county council and members, both parishes and individuals. (Culham Parish Council is a member). Their purpose is to support village life, e.g. have a bulk oil buying scheme, help set up shops & halls. They have been around since 1920, and all shire counties have an equivalent.
(<http://www.oxonrcc.org.uk/home>)
3. He then went on to discuss the reason for a community plan: Shape the community's future, influence district & county council, find out what people in community really want and need, make the most of the talent in community, create a better, more active community.
4. The community group will develop the plan over a number of months, and endeavour to involve as many members of the community & consult them as much as possible. The link with the parish council will be important but the group is separate from the PC and has different, if overlapping, areas of interest and focus.
5. All members of the group are urged to register at **the Community Plan website**, where they will be able to get information on the '9 step process' for developing a community plan:

<http://www.clp-se.org.uk/>

Anton also had a profile of Culham, developed by ACRE (<http://www.acre.org.uk/>), which he brought along. GG offered to scan & send this to SC-R who would pass it on to all members & get JS to put it on website. JS will also create special CCG page on website. ACRE is another organisation which helps communities develop plans and it might be useful for group members to look at this.

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6. Discussions then took place on who would be on the steering group and the following volunteered:

Chair: Hamish (of Waggon & Horses), as interim chair until someone (or some people) more permanent volunteer.

Treasurer: Andrew Churchill Stone

Secretary: none yet (this could also be a shared post)

Volunteer co-ordinators: Joan Woodley, Dee Woodley-Shead, April Jones

Publicity Co-ordinator: John Storrs

Bridging Co-ordinator (between PC and CCG): Sam Casey-Rerhaye

7. The model constitution in the ORCC leaflet was accepted as suitable to be adopted. The details to be added (e.g. frequency of meetings) will be added at next meeting.
8. In preparation for the next meeting, all members were encouraged by Anton to read 'Step 3' on the **clp-se** website.
9. Finances: it was agreed that the Parish Council bank account would be used for any funds, conditional on a resolution passed at the PC, especially as that would mean a VAT refund for any expenses incurred by CCG.
10. SC-R agreed to email SODC Councillor John Cotton and SODC community's rep, OCC community's person & Lorraine Lindsay-Gail, County Councillor to let them know of the organisation and its plans.
11. Other groups the CCG might want to consider involving: Culham Science centre, The Railway Inn, the local community police officer, St Paul's church & vicar. This will be on the agenda for next meeting.
12. The next meeting will be on 16th April 2012 in the school, directly after the Parish Annual Meeting which starts at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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Meeting 27th March 2012