

Minutes of the Little Bowden Neighbourhood Forum meeting on Thursday 18th May 2023 at Meadowdale School.

Present: Beverley Brown, Pete Urmston, Matthew Bills, Julie Hilliam, Sandra Colver, James Ward, Lucy Hobbs, Deirdre White, Alex Beltrao, Jan Turner, Phil Baildon, Jonathan Davies, Simon Hobbs.

Apologies: Peter James, Stuart Finan, Kev Millard, Sally Lax, David Lax.

1. Matters arising from minutes and Action List: (see April table at the end of minutes)
2. SH explained 'Declarations of interest' and why this Agenda item might be needed.
3. Carnival and Fete presentations on stalls

Julie, Janet, Lucy, Simon, Kev, Pete and Phil were willing to be on the stall on Carnival Day, Saturday 10th June. SH to email to ask who else might like to join the volunteers on the day. And at the St Nicholas Church fete on Sat 17th June.

PU suggested bunting and balloons (pink and green theme) to decorate the stall. (Please can the group lend any bunting for the two days). AB to produce Cycle route map as existing and proposed. Information to be available on stall:

The updated Little Bowden Cycleways report (by AB)

Printed copy of the Built Environment report (by PU)

Photos of Little Bowden (by anyone who'd like to submit) eg Flooding, buildings, sheep field, River Jordan, Skatepark, Kettering Road etc

Cycle maps existing and proposed (AB)

2no A1 Portrait prints of Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (PU)

50no copies of NPS questionnaire (SH)

50no copies of Community Centre questionnaire (PU)

50no logo stickers (for visitors to go away with - quotation required) (SH)

1no printed banner (on paper) (SH)

Action 1/0523 SH to print at HDC

4. Working Groups
 - a. Social and Community

AB had created Teams Channels for the Main Forum and the Working groups. SH to email all Forum members to ask if sharing of email is permitted. If necessary new specific emails could be set up for the LBNF business if they don't wish to use personal emails. **Action 2/0523 SH to circulate email request.**

AB suggested that this group covers Social, cultural, business and sports activities especially young people.

SH had assessed the availability of Defibrillators in and around Little Bowden using the Defib App (British Heart Foundation). Sites need to be checked that defibs are available. **Action 2/0523 SH to check locations in Little Bowden**

AB had contacted Red Bull about organising a demonstration bmx etc event at the skatepark. Social media contact had not proved successful. **Action 3/0523 All to explore other ways to organise event.**

b. Water and Greenspaces

LH suggested that increased protection of sheep field area could be sought having found signs of newts and otters in the vicinity. John Comont had reported that Taylor Wimpey had been fined for allowing a river to silt up in Pontypool. He suggested that we look out for similar problems in our catchment. <https://orlo.uk/FSOLv>

MB said that East Mercia Rivers Trust (previously Welland Rivers Trust) is planning to restore and improve the flood resistance and biodiversity value of the River Jordan. This is a long-term project and has just appointed Katie Field as project manager.

Evidence of Surface water problems needs to be gathered throughout Market Harborough. Please take photos (if and when it happens) so that Bruce Durham can report it to the Environment Agency and Anglian Water. Photos can be sent to Simon H or posted on the Friends of River Welland Facebook page.

c. Built environment

MB reported that the spine road at Overstone Park has been started and 25 dwellings are occupied.

d. Transport

JW suggested that AB could amend the Cycling review following Bob Bellm's feedback.

Action 4/0523 JW to work with Alex and contact BB and Cllr Champion as to how to progress.

Action 5/5023 JW to write to Cllr Champion on consultation re Kettering Road cyclepath.

5. LBNF Social – **Action 6/0523** Peter to confirm Tuesday 23rd at Cherry Tree.

6. AOB

JH suggested that to engage with a wider demographic, she would be happy to go to Coffee and chat groups and Mum's and Toddler groups etc **Action 7/0523** JH to arrange visits to groups

SC suggested a sheet having six interesting facts about Little Bowden for the stall – population, history etc

SH proposed that the candidates that **weren't** successful in being elected are invited to join the Forum if they live in Little Bowden. Lucy Bottle (Independent). **Action 8/0523** SH to make contact (if possible)

Date of next meeting – Thurs 15th June Venue TBA

Meeting closed 8.15

April meeting actions

Action	What	Who	By when	Comment/outcome
1/0423	Create a leaflet for promotion of LBNF to attract more members	Pete Urmston	18/5	Complete
2/0423	Ask Cherry Tree about use of room for social	Pete Urmston	18/5	Complete
3/0423	Check land registry on ownership of riverbank.	Jonathan Davies	18/5	Ongoing
4/0423	Forward Matt Bills' email to Peter James	Jonathan Davies	18/5	Complete
5/0423	Staff a stand at Westbrook House during Open Gardens on Sun 30 th April	Phil Baildon and Kev Millard	30/4	Complete
6/0423	Book as stand at the Carnival on 10 th June	Beverley Brown	18/5	Complete
7/0423	Arrange a website for the LBNF	Simon Hobbs	18/5	Ongoing (meeting held)

May meeting actions

Action	What	Who	By when	Comment/outcome
1/0523	Design artwork for and print banners, reports and posters at HDC for use at Carnival and Fete	Pete Urmston Simon Hobbs Alex Beltrao	01/06	Complete
2/0523	Circulate email about Teams Channels	Simon Hobbs	01/06	Ongoing
3/0523	Check defib locations in Little Bowden	Simon Hobbs	15/6	Ongoing
4/0523	Investigate skatepark event organisation	All S&C group	15/6	Ongoing
5/0523	Work with Alex, BB and Cllr Champion on cycle walking review	James Ward	15/6	Ongoing
6/0523	Write to Cllr Champion re Kettering Rd cyclepath	James Ward	15/6	Ongoing
7/0523	Arrange visits to community groups in LB	Julie Hilliam	15/6	Ongoing
8/0523	Make contact with unelected candidates (where poss)	Simon Hobbs	15/6	Ongoing