

Initial Meeting of the Swinton Fitzwilliam Mutual Association held at 6.30pm on Monday 17th May 2010 at Swinton Youth Centre

Attendance:

Residents: Mr.H.Tooley, Mrs Phillips, , Mrs, Harwood, Mrs, K.Wiltshire, Mr and Mrs Roper, Mrs J.Spence, Ms.L.Mosley, Mrs.G.Parker, R.Savage, D.Haffner, A.Haffner, B.Bedley, Mr.Bucknall (14 residents)

Staff: Dianne Hurst (RMBC), Vanessa Bryan (RMBC), Lucy Reader (RMBC), Steve Ruffle (RotherFed), Will Padfield (RMBC Warden), Alison Clegg (RMBC Warden), Matthew Spittles (2010 Rotherham), Sue Rees (2010 Rotherham), Matt Florey (Youth Service), Vicky Whitehead (Youth Service)

Apologies: Cllr Ken Wyatt

1. Introduction

Dianne Hurst from RMBC introduced herself and said she had been asked to facilitate this meeting by residents Harry Tooley, Anne Harwood and Karen Philips who had all done some considerable groundwork to prepare for this meeting . The aim of the meeting was to set up a community group for tenants and residents of the Fitzwilliam estate.

2. Constitution

Copies of the draft constitution were passed around and shown on the projector. Dianne read out the details of the proposed constitution section by section asking for comments and amendments. There was a discussion about involving all ages, in particular engaging young people and working together with the Swinton Youth Action Group. Two amendments were proposed:

4a Membership of the association shall be open to all tenants of the estate over the age of 16 years and residents over the age of 18, as defined in the attached map

9a. No Annual General Meeting shall take place if less than 14 members are present

The amendments were approved unanimously. On a show of hands, the constitution was approved unanimously.

3. Election of Committee

Harry outlined the work that had been done by himself, Anne and Caron to get to this stage of the group. Vicky offered the group use of the room at Swinton Youth Centre free of charge to

conduct their meetings. Steve said that a new group will also be able to access £200 from Rotherfed to support activities during the first year.

Chair: Harry Tooley

Proposed by: Ron Savage
Seconded by: Jane Spence

Unanimous

Secretary: Anne Harwood

Proposed by: Karen Wiltshire
Seconded by: Mrs.Roper

Unanimous

Treasurer: Karen Phillips

Proposed by: Harry Tooley
Seconded by: Jane Spence

Unanimous

Two other committee members were proposed

Jane Spence
Anna Haffner

Unanimous

4. Welcome by the New Chair

Harry welcomed everyone as the new Chair and invited questions from members. There was a discussion about a camera that had been taken down. There was a question about the old community centre and it was also clarified that the Fitzwilliam Mutual had no connection with any TARAs that were previously active on the estate. Harry said he was now the oldest tenant on the estate. Harry thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged.