

CAWRA Meeting Minutes 27-09-2018

Committee In Attendance:- Rob Butler (Chair), Andy Temple (Secretary), Rex Ingle. Martin Fancourt, Chris Wallis.

Apologies were received from Maggie Baldwin, Felicity Gabriel, Cllr Jane James & Rebecca Tate

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted and passed.

CAWRA attended the **Colour Fuzion** Event – held Saturday 11.08.2018 - volunteers assisted on the stand and some small success in publicising CAWRA was achieved.

Community Garden project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Submissions were requested as to design + ideas from CAWRA residents and tenants? This consultation period was extended until September 7th, 2018 and has now closed. The CAWRA Committee will hold a separate meeting to discuss the submissions and devise the plan for forwarding to Breckland. Initial thoughts are ... Councillor John Newton and the Chairman has spoken to Breckland DC about lease of the land. Funding possibilities via Tesco project award – up to £4,000 potential - plus other potential funding including from TTC.

A letter is being raised for proposed **Community Garden** project to obtain support from prospective partners to obtain their support e.g, Thetford Garden Centre / fencing company etc. Plot measured at 2,000M². This is an ongoing project and the Project Manager and Garden group coordinator will present their findings at the next meeting. There is a possibility that Breckland District Council can help with support for producing the plans of the garden to help limit costs.

The '**Big Lunch 2018**' was held by St Andrews residents. A very successful (and hot) day. This annual all day event brings the neighbourhood residents together to chat and have fun and is highly enjoyable.

Additional copies of the new CAWRA '**dog poop**' notices are available for members. These are for strategic posting in areas where dog fouling is most prevalent.

Spreadsheet of '**Cars for Sale**' continues. No further reports of car sales on the green during this last two months so hopefully the message has gone out that this is not welcome on the community areas. Please take number of and report any vehicles that are obstructing footpaths near your home. Pics are most useful.

Litter Picks. New dates for the next litter pick are Friday 19th October & Saturday 20th October meeting at 10.30am on both days at the Community Centre car park.

Community Speedwatch – We still have no update from Councillor Roy Brame re. SAM 2 speeding signs. Still no progression re. traffic survey strips in our area despite the Police being reminded at open and closed STAG meetings. These strips have now appeared in various areas of Thetford – so, despite previous promises, why not on Cloverfield to measure the amount of vehicles? There are concerns that the traffic flow will increase as the new Kingsfleet houses are occupied.

Thetford Town Boundary Change – Third Stage Consultation taking place now until Sept 28th. This asks if you agree with the new boundary, for your views on 2 additional Councillors for the new ward and for your choice of name for the new ward. Most popular at the moment is 'Saxon'.

Once again, residents are urged to **contact the Police** immediately if anything illegal or to the detriment of the CAWRA area occurs. If safe to do so, please try to obtain picture or video evidence and log time and date etc. You can call 01953 424455 which is direct line to Wymondham Police Headquarters. New PC's have been recruited for Thetford. Chief Inspector Paul Wheatley has moved to the Wymondham HQ and is Chief Inspector in charge of the Control Room. His replacement, Chief Inspector Lyn Cross has been appointed.

We are aware of current disturbance issues in a CAWRA area. It is important that these disturbances are accurately logged as this assists the authorities to take action. CAWRA has produced a basic **Disturbance Log Sheet** to assist in the recording of continuous and regular disturbances which can then be forwarded to the relevant authorities (explain). This sheet will be available via the website and hard copies made available on request. It was pointed out that the level of disturbance and anti social behaviour has decreased possibly due to a police visit to certain houses.

There is a meeting Thurs, 4th Oct in Cloverfield Church and Community premises at 7pm for the **Public Open S.T.A.G.** (Safer Thetford Action Group) **meeting**. Lorne Green, Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, will attend and answer questions. Any concerns about policing in Thetford etc. The Police have agreed that the previous stipulated priorities have not and are still not being met.

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It is reported that **Tesco** Thetford and Bristol are looking to sell off some of their car parking area for additional retail and fast-food premises. Costa Coffee and Burger King have been mentioned. CAWRA would object to any planning application unless written assurances can be given that these additional vendors agree in writing to be fully responsible for the collection of litter on a 100% continuous daily basis.

Bergamot Play Park entrance gates had been converted into 'self-closing' type which keeps deer etc out. These gates have been damaged and are due for repair by TTC staff. Please note:- **dogs are not allowed inside the play park fenced area under any circumstances**. CAWRA has requested separate notices to this affect to be placed actually on both entrance gates by TTC. This area is due for the attentions of the Gardening Group and we are looking to receive purple crocus bulbs via Thetford Rotary Club and other plants and shrubs via TTC funding which has been agreed.

New members are welcomed for the **CAWRA Gardening Group**. Martin Fancourt is the gardening group organiser and he can be contacted via the CAWRA Facebook page or the CAWRA website.

CAWRA 'mission-statement' flyer is now available in English, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Lithuanian and Latvian – will soon have Czech. John Newton assisting - thanks. Still collecting pricing for 2,000 double-sided **leaflets** for drop – we will require volunteers for delivering the leaflets. There are 1,577 properties in the CAWRA area.

A reminder that **future CAWRA meetings** will start 7.30pm for refreshments and 8pm general meeting start. Tea, coffee, ('bottomless') and biscuits etc. will be served (50p pp – proceeds to CAWRA funds).

Various **Coffee Mornings** are being held 28th of September to support McMillan nurses the largest being in the Carnegie Rooms.

TRAG, Thetford Residents Action will launch end October 2018. Does not replace individual residents associations but enhances and strengthens all of our positions. Others welcome to join TRAG (no agencies or councillors etc.).

An application has been made for a £2,000 grant to enable work to start on the community garden project. It is understood that the grants will be reviewed on 4th October.

Cllr John Newton reported that the repair of the fencing in Campion Road is awaiting costing to allow work to proceed. The grass area adjacent to the Community Church (possible future site of community garden has been added to the areas on the estate that will be cut twice a year.

The repair of the gates on the Bergamot play area is also in hand, he will also investigate the status of the large gate at Peter Drive which has been broken down for some time.

Bulb planting of Bluebells behind the cottages on Castle Street & Daffodils in Castle Park & Melford Common is in hand. Spare bulbs will be made available to CAWRA.

John Newton also informed the meeting that the River Thet has breached its bank behind Ford Place and will require significant repair work as the breach is over a long length of bank.

The legislation has changed with regard to the registration of HMO Houses of Multiple Occupation and Robert Whittaker has sent the link to a Freedom of Information request to the register which will be added to the website.

There will be a £25,000 grant to continue the riverside events that have been so successful this year.

The Breckland Lottery has so far raised £25,000 for charity & good causes including CAWRA

AOB An incident occurred where a large branch fell from a tree causing damage to 2 vehicles the council should ensure that all trees in the estate are checked for safety.

Once Breckland District Council has decided on the status of the community garden CAWRA will approach Tesco for funding via their disc voting scheme.

The next meeting will be held on **October 25th 7:30pm** at Cloverfield Community Church

