



AGM

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Association Limited took place on Thursday September 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Braywood Memorial Hall.

The Chairman (Grenville Annetts) welcomed about 30 attendees, introduced the Committee and then opened the AGM. The Agenda covered the Directors Report and Financial Accounts and a Report on the Activities of the Association.

The Directors Report and Financial Accounts had been circulated to all Members before the Meeting and are available on our Website. The Treasurer (Helen Howard) described the Finances for the period from April 1, 2012 to the end of the Financial Year on March 31, 2013. During the Year, the Association made a small Surplus of £670. Details are included on the page following this article.

Income for the Association is derived from Membership Subscriptions, Social Events, Newsletter Advertising and Donations. Expenditure is on Social Events, Venue Hire, Website, Annual Insurance, Administration and Newsletter Printing.

The Chairman said the major Milestones for 2012/13 since the last AGM have been:-

Publication of 4 Free Newsletters	Oct / Jan / April / July
2nd Bingo Evening	October 13
2nd Christmas Fair	November 24
Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP)	
Consultations	November and December

RBWM Local Plan Site Consultation Workshops	December 8 and 11
1st Christmas Gathering around the Christmas Tree	December 22
BPNP Steering Group - Adopt Play Area in Fifield as a Strategic Outcome of the neighbourhood Plan	March 13
Speed Limit reduction to 50 mph – Forest Green Road	April
5th Race Night	May 3
Gypsy Site Planning Application Refused	June 5
Support for the Fifield Fun Day	August 10
Fourth Annual General Meeting (Tonight)	September 19

And in January, Helen Haggerty and Gary Smith, ex Landlords of the Fifield Inn were made Life Members of The Association in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Local Community and Charities during their 11 plus years at the Pub.

The main work of the Association is centred around implementing the 23 Actions identified in the Community and Local Businesses Action Plans. There are 8 Work Groups made up of Volunteers who meet as and when required. Then, once every three months or so, there is a meeting of All Members and Volunteers, with everyone welcome to come along

In addition, the Committee of the Association has met 4 times in the year and is made up of the 3 Directors of the Association (Grenville Annetts, Helen Howard and Louise Shenston) and the Work Group Spokespersons – Alison Brayshaw (Children & Youths), Rod Lord (Communications), Bill Collier (Community Safety), Barbara Frame & Rod Lord (Environment), Paula Grevett (Local Business), Helen Howard (Local Planning), Louise Shenston (Roads & Transport) and Grenville Annetts (Social & Recreational). These have been supported by many other Volunteers spread across the Work Groups and helping with Activities and Events over the year.

Activities of the Association - The Chairman then gave a brief description of the activities of the Association by Work Group. (Fuller updates are given regularly in the quarterly Newsletters):-

Children & Youths - Family Bingo Evening, Family Ramble cancelled due to bad Weather, promoting Bray Parish Fun in the Sun Event, promoting Juniors at Braywood Cricket Club and inserting a new Kids Corner section in our Newsletter.

Communications (1) - 4 Free Quarterly Newsletters funded by local Advertisers. Alison Brayshaw took on Editorship after the AGM last year when Trudi Knight stood down. The Website has been running since Feb 2009 and is updated regularly. Communications by Flier, in Local Press, on Website and by email. New Noticeboard for Oakley Green – Funded out of RBWM Ward Councillor David Coppinger’s Discretionary Budget, OGAFCA Contribution and Bray Parish Funds – Site being located.

Communications (2) - Broadband - Ongoing lobbying involving Theresa May and BT and The Press. Oakley Green (01753) was Upgraded in 2012. Fifield (01628) upgraded in January 2013. Still some “Not Spots” in Oakley Green, Forest Green and Drift Roads to be worked on.

Community Safety – Crime remains low but still raising local awareness about Crime Prevention in Newsletter. Worked on deterring HGVs from coming through Fifield Village and Parking Issues outside the School after new Lines painted on road on Windsor side.

Environment (1) – Litter Picking continues and staying on top of Fly Tipping. Monitoring Footpaths – new Bridge across ditch on Footpath 53 and Kissing Gate on Footpath 54 in particular. Still looking for ways to improve local Bridlepath Network. We put up two donated Christmas Trees for the first time and are participating in War Memorial relocation Feasibility Project with Parish Council and Memorial Hall representatives.

Environment (2) - 9 Flooding “Wet Spots” identified in 2009 Action Plan. Fifield Road by Longlea Nursing Home (#2) - pushing for 3 years and Funds now in RBWM Budget for this year. Coningsby Lane (#4) – Discussions with RBWM and local Residents ongoing. Ditch and Verges improved on South side of Coningsby Lane. Monitoring Earthworks on Forest Green Road which should be complete this Autumn.

Local Business – Even though over 100 Companies operating in our Area, struggled to find common areas to work on – so Work Group suspended in the Spring. Important source of Income from Advertising in our Newsletter.

Local Planning – supported Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP) Consultations in November and December. Worked with 3 other local Associations on two Workshops as part of RBWM Local Plan Site Consultation process. Worked with BPNP to deliver Fifield Play Area as a “Strategic Outcome” of their Plan. Supported Campaign against 8 Gypsy Sites behind Sun and Stars Pub. Continued to monitor significant Planning Applications and Enforcement Issues. Water Oakley Development is coming up soon.

Roads & Transport – Speed Limit reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph on Forest Green Road and Coningsby Lane in April (we campaigned for 40 mph). Verge on Corner of Drift Road and Fifield “reclaimed” from being an unofficial Layby. Still trying to extend Footway on Fifield Road (to Coningsby Lane) and Oakley Green Road (past Braywood Lynn) and re-instatement of Footway on Oakley Green Road by the Polo Club Entrance. Monitoring effectiveness of new Road Markings to the East of Braywood School. Awaiting Consultation on Braywood School Expansion in the Autumn.

Social & Recreational – Activities in year have been Family Bingo Evening, Christmas Fair, Christmas Gathering, Race Night and support for the Fifield Fun Day. Need more Attendees to make our Events more worthwhile! Bingo Evening on October 5th 2013 has been postponed as our “Caller” Don is not very well. Upcoming Events are 3rd Christmas Fair on Saturday November 23 and 2nd Christmas Gathering on December 21st.

Election of Directors - The Chairman advised the AGM that under the Rules of The Association, 1 of the 4 existing Directors is required to stand down at the AGM on a rotation basis after every 4 years. On this occasion, it was Helen Howard’s turn to stand down. All Members of the Association were advised in advance of the Meeting that there were two Director Vacancies. There was just one Nomination for Director - Helen Howard - nominated by Louise Shenston. By a show of Hands – Helen Howard was unanimously appointed to serve for another period of 4 years. The Association still has one Vacancy for a Director and anyone wishing to come forward and serve should contact the Chairman in the first instance.

Resolutions – No Resolutions had been notified to the Association in advance of the AGM, so no Vote/Decision required.

Any Other Business - The Chairman then invited questions from the floor and responses were given by Members of the Committee.

External Speakers – Robin Howard and Norman Sandford – gave a Talk entitled “In the Tracks of Sterling Moss” in which they told their “Tales of derring-do” in May this year when they took part in the Mille Miglia (Thousand Mile) Rally in Italy along with over 400 other Classic Cars. Their talk with many Pictures was very interesting and well received and the Chairman thanked them for their efforts.

What can local Residents do to help/be involved? The Chairman said there are many opportunities – including....Becoming a Member – just £3 per year, joining a Workgroup to share the Workload, Delivering Newsletters (we are short of Deliverers in Dedworth Road area), writing an Article/Feedback for our Newsletter or Website, helping out at and attending Events, telling us about problems and giving us your Email Address to make communications simpler and cheaper and more

The Chairman then thanked the Guest Speakers, the Members of our 8 Work Groups and gave special thanks to the Committee and Officers and finally, thanked everyone for coming along and inviting all to stay for some light refreshments. The AGM closed at 9 pm.