



Community Cohesion Focus Group 2010

Held on 28th June 2010

In the Boardroom, Southgate House

Present:

Name	Address	Group	Title
Nick Hayward	Flat 6 Penhill Road	Matson & Robinswood NP	Vice Chair
Renford Perry	6 Arden House	None	Tenant
Judith Mortimer	28 Clapham Court	Sheltered Action Group	Chair
Marcia Mitchell	9 Abbeyview	None	Block Rep
David Porter	62 Clapham Court	Sheltered Action Group	Board Member
Terry Elcock	GCH	None	RI Officer
Lyn Scudamore	GCH	None	RI Officer

Item	Action
1 Apologies	
1.1 Anita Pope (GCH)	
2 Introduction and health/safety issues	
2.1 Terry E dealt with all the housekeeping issues and confirmed there was no planned fire alarm test.	
2.2 Terry E explained that following on from previous discussions about young people in our community the purpose of this meeting was to review GCH's progress on Youth engagement and identify and agree further improvements.	
3 Identifying cost of service	
3.1 It was confirmed that the budget for Youth engagement for 2010-2011 is £10,000 and that we also seek sponsorship from our partners.	

<p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p>for them to gain useful skills. It was agreed that GCH should source additional funding to extend this area of work and ensure our repairs partner continued to provide work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.</p> <p>TE made the group aware of the 2 Junior Warden schemes GCH had set up in Matson & White City. He outlined the good partnership working this had created through the police and local schools and also the development opportunity for the children involved in the schemes. NH said he was aware the Matson wardens had been working with the local residents group on community activity days and it would help the local area in the long term. It was agreed that GCH should extend these to other areas of the City.</p> <p>LS informed about an ASB issues that had been ongoing in Tredworth for a number of years and that GCH had worked closely with community projects and the police to hold fun days and activities for children for example around Halloween. We had seen a reduction in issues as a result of these events in Tredworth, White City and Podsmead. It was recognised by the group that events and activities for children and young people were really important and had had a positive effect on communities where this was in place. Concerns were expressed about the impact of budget cuts on voluntary groups and what facilities would be available for young people going forward. It was agreed that GCH would work with other organisations to provide or promote activities for young people over the summer holidays and work with residents groups on an ongoing basis to try and ensure activities/facilities were in place.</p>	
<p>7 Summary</p>		
<p>7.1</p>	<p>All attendees thought the work GCH had been doing was a positive step that will have an impact on local communities in future years and DP, JM, and RP expressed interest in attending future planning meetings to help the youth action plan continue and go from strength to strength. It was agreed that another meeting would be held in the autumn</p>	
<p>8 Any other business</p>		
<p>None</p>		