

Fullers Slade Estate Renewal Forum (FSERF), AGM Thursday 18th July 6pm

Rowans Family Centre, Moorfoot, Fullers Slade

Attendee's

- Stephen Jones FSERF Treasurer
- Katie Jones FSERF volunteer
- Helen Vickers FSERF volunteer
- Shell Jones FSERF volunteer
- Steve Summerfield, FSERF member
- Simon Cherrill Stony Stratford Town Councillor
- Heather Jones FSERF volunteer
- Sarah King FSERF volunteer
- Joanne King FSERF volunteer
- Sammy Harper FSERF volunteer
- Chris Cowlan FSERF volunteer

Officers

- Zulf Awan MKCC Community Engagement Manager
- Will Rysdale MKCC Head of Housing Delivery

Apologies

- Dave Meadows FSERF Chair

1. Agenda

- Revised agenda due to Chair DM unable to attend all attendee's agreed to defer nomination's for committee elections, date to be confirmed

2. Chair's Report – ZA delivered the report on behalf of the Chair

See attached as Appendix A

3. Treasurers Report

- In the first year we've had an income of £59,419.15 from different funding including successful in securing a £20,000 lottery fund over two years

4. Election of new committee

- As above

5. AOB

- ZA thanked Stephen Bryant (MKCC Community Engagement Officer) for his work on Fullers Slade and wished him the best for the future.
- WR advised Cllr Emily Darlington has stepped down as councillor and Ed Hume has stepped in
- HJ Discussed rear of properties, weeds, brambles, bushes overgrown, causing blockage to emergency exits- to be discussed at project meeting Monday 22nd July at the Hub 10.30am - walk around agreed
- SC questioned progress on engagement officers to which WR replied internal discussions and reviews are happening
- ZA closed the meeting

APPENDIX A: CHAIRS REPORT

Events and Activities:

The following events and activities were carried out to promote community engagement, cohesion and share information including updates on local regeneration and renewal:

- Easter
- Christmas Day including party/grotto etc
- seaside coach trips and Xmas lights trip
- Pantomime visits
- Black History Month event
- Iftar meal

Topics discussed included:

- FSERF completed a successful consultation on the new play equipment on Spider Park, new equipment now installed
- FSERF completed a successful consultation on the new measures to tackle ASB across Fullers Slade, new bollards and bunding now in place.
- Social Housing Decarbonisation Project
- Regeneration/development
- ASB/Fly tipping
- Health and Wellbeing
- Family/Youth activities
- Warm spaces/cost of living crisis

Regular Committee Meetings:

The following meetings were held:

- FSERF meeting 13 May 2024
- FSERF meeting 12 February 2024
- FSERF meeting 15 January 2024
- FSERF meeting 11 December 2023
- FSERF meeting 13 November 2023
- FSERF meeting 30 October 2023 – 1 year/5 year planning meeting
- FSERF meeting 9 October 2023
- FSERF meeting 11 September 2023
- FSERF meeting 24 July 2023
- FSERF meeting 26 June 2023
- FSERF meeting 22 May 2023
- FSERF meeting 17 April 2023
- FSERF regularly lobbying members/colleagues of Milton Keynes City Council to agree/approve the need for better conditions of existing homes on the estate
- FSERF representation at Milton Keynes City Council Scrutiny Panel meetings to provide updates on their activities and raise issues.

- FSERF requested a letter from Portfolio holder Cllr Emily Darlington to update residents on regeneration, this was sent to residents last year.

Green Spaces/Estate Improvements/Public Realm

- FSERF involved in consultations of the new play area. The new play equipment is now installed and includes:
 - New Zip wire
 - New swings
 - New outdoor gym
 - New table football
 - New table tennis
 - New benches
 - New accessible play equipment
 - New trim trail
 - Resurfaced paths
 - repainted MUGA
 - repainted shelters
- FSERF regularly updating local councils on condition of public areas/landscaping.
- FSERF involved in estate inspections to make sure quality of the local green areas/paths/parks are of a good standard and making sure fly tipping is removed and paths are cleaned
- FSERF carried out bulk waste amnesty days to encourage people not to fly tip.
- FSERF applied to MKCC to have dropped kerbs.

Health and Wellbeing

FSERF carry out the following events/activities to promote health and wellbeing:

- FS@50 event celebrated 50 years of Fullers Slade in partnership with FS Residents Association, the event included:
 - Free Event on park area near Rowans Centre
 - stands offering support and advice from NHS, Public Health and community voluntary sector
 - local community groups promoting their services
 - free food and refreshments including barbecue, ice cream, sandwiches
 - free video games on the Games Bus
 - free entertainment including music, circus skills, arts and crafts
 - Thames Valley Police advising on crime prevention.
 - Ambulance service giving advice on how to save lives
 - Games and activities for the whole family
 - Raffles, free prize draws
- Regular weekly activities to tackle loneliness and isolation and making links to support services including:
 - coffee mornings,
 - Bingo
 - Curry Club
 - Brunch Club
 - World Food Club
 - HOY

- Cost of Living Crisis initiatives including:
 - Warm spaces
 - Coffee mornings/bingo
 - Free blankets
 - Meeting utility companies
 - Support on accessing benefits
 - Information on how to avoid loan sharks
 - Health and wellbeing information
 - Support/advice from CAB

Community safety: tackling crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB)

Consultation with community on how to reduce ASB, fly tipping etc. resulted in the following being installed:

- New bollards on:
 - Bridge over A5 connecting to Greenleys
 - 2 paths on entry to Spider Park
- New bunding:
 - Area around Rowan Centre
 - Green area on Weavers Hill
- Black History event recognising contribution from BAME communities and to promote community cohesion
- Iftar event during Ramadan bringing together people from many different backgrounds to learn about each others culture and promote community cohesion
- Regular weekly activities including coffee mornings, Bingo etc to promote community cohesion and making links to support services
- Regular attendance at the event and activities from TVP so information can be shared and any issues/concerns can be reported
- FSERF carried out bulk waste amnesty days to encourage people not to fly tip.

Training/Education/Jobs

- FSERF members attended training including:
 - How to apply for Grants
 - Basic Food Hygiene Levels 1 and 2
 - Photography course
 - How to run a Community Project Course Level 2
 - Visits to other community groups to learn how to improve engagement.
- Regularly signposting residents to the Job Club
- Sharing *Meet the Employer* and *Job Fayre* events with local residents
- Sharing locally held training opportunities with local residents

Engagement/Consultation

FSERF have engaged with over 1,000 local residents during this period. This has been through the following methods of communication/engagement:

- Meetings
- Trips/outings
- Seasonal events
- Projects
- Activities
- Facebook
- Articles in newsletters
- Websites
- WhatsApp
- Text messages
- Face to face/one to one meetings

Volunteers

FSERF have recruited and retained 10 volunteers and have provided over 3,000 hours of volunteering hours over the last year.

The opportunity to get involved has truly changed lives:

Testimonials/case studies from volunteers:

- *"I used to be on medication for my depression, I took it regularly! But ever since I have been volunteering for FSERF and taking part in the many great activities, projects and events I have been feeling much better and happier. I no longer take any medication for my depression as I am enjoying working with the community"*
Ms S, Fullers Slade ERF volunteer and local resident
- This message was from the daughter of one of our volunteers:
"Well done mum so proud of you just think a good few years ago you wouldn't even walk to the shop alone and now you're out here making waves I'm truly proud"
Message sent to Ms Y, Fullers Slade ERF volunteer and local resident