

Bradville Estate Renewal Forum

Biennial General Meeting 22 October 2025

Mathiesen Centre Trust, Mathiesen Road, Bradville, Milton Keynes MK13 7AG

In attendance:

Committee: • Christine Larwill – Chair (CL) • Daren Charters – Treasurer (DC)
 • Lesley Burgess (LB) • Abid Anwar (AA)

Officers: • Zulf Awan - MKCC Community Engagement Manager (ZA)

Residents: 44 residents listed

	Agenda item	Actions
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CL welcomed everyone to the meeting.Apologies were notedIntroductions: CL asked committee members and MKCC officer to introduce themselves.	
2.	Chairs Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CL read out the report which included the achievements over the past year.Report attached as Appendix A	
3.	Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">DC gave an update on the finances:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Income MKCC Grant £5,000Expenditure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Administration Costs: £1182.09Refreshments: £352.96Hall Hire: £30Training: £72Insurance: £185.45Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025: £3,177.50	
4.	Changes to the Terms of Reference (ToR) <p>CL: BERF had a dedicated meeting to bring the ToR up to date on 8 October where changes were discussed and agreed. Since that meeting there have been some other amendments including the removal of the Deputy Chair role.</p> <p>Resident: how can you make further changes to the ToR after the dedicated meeting?</p> <p>CL: BERF can make changes to the ToR at their BGM</p> <p>Copies were circulated for attendees to review and comment on</p> <p>CL allowed time for people to read the ToR, one suggested amendment was raised and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Under section 4.2: <i>Other Committee positions can include secretary, events organiser and general committee members.</i>Now reads: <i>Other Committee positions will include secretary, events organiser and general committee members</i>	

	The new ToR was formally agreed.																															
5.	<p>Election of committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All current members stood down. • ZA requested nominations for a new Chair. • Two residents came forward to stand as chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Daren Charters – nominated by CL, seconded by LB ◦ Kevin Smith - nominated by JC, seconded by GB • A secret ballot took place and the results were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Daren Charters – 27 votes ◦ Kevin Smith – 19 votes • Daren Charters was duly elected as Chair. • DC thanked everyone for their support and took over as Chair and asked for nominations for remaining positions, the following were elected: <table> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Position</u></th> <th><u>Nominated</u></th> <th><u>Seconded</u></th> <th><u>Vote</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Christine Larwill</td> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>LB</td> <td>KB</td> <td>n/a, no other nominees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gina Fisher-Lake</td> <td>Secretary</td> <td>CL</td> <td>TP</td> <td>n/a, no other nominees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lesley Burgess</td> <td>Media and Events Lead</td> <td>CL</td> <td>GL</td> <td>n/a, no other nominees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kay Benson</td> <td>Committee member</td> <td>CL</td> <td>LB</td> <td>n/a, no other nominees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark McCrory West</td> <td>Committee member</td> <td>DC</td> <td>CL</td> <td>n/a, no other nominees</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote</u>	Christine Larwill	Treasurer	LB	KB	n/a, no other nominees	Gina Fisher-Lake	Secretary	CL	TP	n/a, no other nominees	Lesley Burgess	Media and Events Lead	CL	GL	n/a, no other nominees	Kay Benson	Committee member	CL	LB	n/a, no other nominees	Mark McCrory West	Committee member	DC	CL	n/a, no other nominees	
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6.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>None</p>																															
7.	<p>Date of next AGM:</p> <p>TBA</p>																															

APPENDIX A BERF CHAIRS REPORT October 2025

BERF Projects:

Big Slide Park:

- BERF worked closely with colleagues from Milton Keynes City Council on the consultation on Big Slide Park proposed new play equipment
- Numerous meetings to discuss options including meetings on site to see what was feasible.
- BERF held open drop-in consultation meetings and invited residents/ stakeholders

- Top 6 preferred pieces of new equipment selected:
 - Inclusive Roundabout
 - Junior Multi-play
 - Woodland Trim Trail
 - Gym Machine
 - Trampoline
 - Basket Swing
- Upgrades/improvements in order of preference
 - Repairs to paths/flooring
 - Picnic benches
 - Painting existing equipment
 - Extra fencing on the Ball Court
- New Big Slide Park equipment installed and officially opened by MKCC Mayor Cllr Lancaster on 30 May 2025
- Many local residents attended and feedback has been very positive.
- Since the opening the equipment has been well used and attracted many families to the park

Windmill Project

- Main point of community engagement on the Bradwell Windmill Project
- Focus on Heritage, Food and Nature.
- Partnership Project with Milton Keynes City Council and MK Museum
- A Heritage Lottery application has been submitted and secured
- The application included a letter of support from BERF
- The project is now well underway
- BERF have supported the project with providing refreshments on the Windmill open days.
- BERF has also assisted with publicity of the events for the Project

Social Housing Decarbonisation Project

- BERF regularly lobbying members/colleagues of Milton Keynes City Council to agree/approve the need for better conditions of existing homes on the estate
- BERF representation at Milton Keynes City Council Scrutiny Panel meetings to provide updates on their activities and raise issues.
- BERF requested a letter from Portfolio holder Cllr Emily Darlington to update residents on regeneration.
- BERF have been assisting with SHDF drop-in sessions every month since April 2025

Green Spaces/Estate Improvements/Public Realm

- BERF involved in consultations of the new play area. The new play equipment is now installed and includes:
 - New swings
 - New outdoor gym
 - New benches
 - New accessible play equipment
 - New trim trail
 - Resurfaced paths
 - New fencing on MUGA

- DC has started a new allotment project and has recruited 6 volunteers so far

Training/Education/Jobs

- BERF members attended training including:
 - Basic Food Hygiene Levels 1 and 2

Engagement/Consultation

BERF have engaged with over 100 local residents during this period. This has been through the following methods of communication/engagement:

- Meetings
- Projects
- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Text messages
- Face to face/one to one meetings

Volunteers

BERF have recruited and retained 3 volunteers and have provided over 300 hours of volunteering hours over the last year.