

Bradville Estate Renewal Forum

Biennial General Meeting 22 October 2025

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

In attendance:

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| Committee: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Larwill – Chair (CL) • Lesley Burgess (LB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daren Charters – Treasurer (DC) • Abid Anwar (AA) |
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| Officers: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zulf Awan - MKCC Community Engagement Manager (ZA) |
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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 noted Introductions: 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 £5,000 Expenditure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Costs: £1182.09 Refreshments: £352.96 Hall Hire: £30 Training: £72 Insurance: £185.45 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025: £3,177.50 	
4.	Changes to the Terms of Reference (ToR) 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. Resident: how can you make further changes to the ToR after the dedicated meeting? CL: BERF can make changes to the ToR at their BGM Copies were circulated for attendees to review and comment on CL allowed time for people to read the ToR, one suggested amendment was raised and agreed: <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><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><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></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.