**WCC Minutes**

20/06/23 7pm – 8pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Centre

**Present**

Fr. Richard

Shakirah

Peter

Kelvin

**Apologies**

Sam

Les

Jamal

**Peter** – newsletter to be sent out within the next two weeks. Key messages will include the new playground consultation event on July 7th.

The Construction Working Group will be advertised in the newsletter to attract members.

**Fr. Richard** suggested that the council needs to find ways to attract members which is more on the community’s terms rather than the council’s.

**Shakirah** – there is a need to maximise resources. To reach community groups, the council needs to help groups to liaise with one another.

How much can residents contribute to newsletters? This is the idea behind the Facebook page as well as Jamal’s wish that younger people become involved with making a video for example.

Leveraging tech needs to be inclusive.

**Kelvin** suggested arranging a meeting with Shakirah and David Isaac to discuss inclusive tech.

**Fr. Richard** – The project being in limbo is causing problems on the estate. No notice was given on the community garden being shut and no messaging on the Planning application is leading people to come to their own conclusions as to what is happening.

**Shakirah** – it is important how the story is told.

People have different preferences in receiving news – there is a need to do something different to engage people. The council needs to show that it wants to hear people’s voices. There needs to be a number of different opportunities for people to engage.

**Fr. Richard** – People will only engage if they feel they are being listened to and being treated like adults.

A community notice board could be maintained for the scheme, even if it at times only includes small information updates.

Currently feeling placed in a difficult position in the community.

**Peter** – appreciates that other forms of engagement would be helpful.

Planning application is on the verge of going out, and will likely be submitted in August.

Sam and Kelvin can come up with a messaging strategy.

**Kelvin** – we need to think how to bring the different strands of the council together to avoid mixed messaging as in the community garden example.

**Fr. Richard** – there is a lack of a human face from the council on the estate.

W12 Together Summer Fayre will be held on September 3rd. In previous years, Make:Good attended and helped to fund the event. There was no presence at the Fayre from the council last year. The council needs a presence.

**Peter** will speak to Sam about the council having a presence at the Fayre this year.

**Fr. Richard** – Offering sponsorship for the Fayre would help with community relations.

**Fr. Richard** – a conversation needs to be had on the meanwhile use.

The Church wants to be supportive of the community during this time and during meanwhile use. St Michael’s and St George’s will have a new team from the autumn and will want to be involved – along with the Egyptian House.

**Peter** – Consultation being done with present users.