

Maghera Community Group Minutes for Meeting

Date /Time/Place 10/8/2021 8pm Maghera Inn

Attendees;

Mick, Matt, Neil, Karen, John, Diane, Gavin, Elaine, Paul, Bronagh, Alan and Hilary.

Items discussed:

Local councillors have been contacted re actions to be taken in the village;

Alan Lewis UUP met with Matt before Mick, John and Matt met with Hugh Gallagher, Laura Devlin

Dominic O'Reilly SDLP

re;

- state of roads,
- gully runs,
- flooding at corner of Wateresk Road
- weeding,
- road sweeper

Play park -establishing who has responsibility for maintenance and upgrade of equipment and surfacing

has been agreed it falls under the remit of Newry and Mourne District Council

It has been requested that the play park should be tidied, painted and provided with a new bin

Possibility of equipment being provided from other refurbished play parks in the district as a temporary measure

Soft matting surfacing to be considered in next year's budget

Dog fouling leaflets are to be displayed around the village, metal posts to be made available for permanent signs, and dog fouling waste bin to be provided

Signage to be improved

'Welcome to Maghera' at entrance to village

Signs to warn re pedestrians using the roads

Historical signage to inform visitors re location of places of interest

Street furniture

Nicholas Mc Crickard has offered to meet with the Committee to advise on drawing up a constitution and obtaining a charity number for fund raising (date to be arranged)

Also Andy Hall to give presentation re National Lottery Funding (date to be arranged)

Neighbourhood Watch

Through discussion it was agreed to draw up a questionnaire to determine community support for this action (Alan volunteered his services to help draw up the questionnaire)

(60% community involvement required to run scheme)

Mick explained that Scheme Co-ordinators would be required to facilitate the running of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Survey to be carried out throughout the village with possible drop boxes to be made available for responses to survey.

Further action to be decided on outcome of survey

Defibrillator

Matt suggested that training is made available for the use of the Defibrillator in the Maghera Inn

Meeting closed with mention of Roads /Police Service to arrange the possibility of a local representative to attend meetings with the Rural Community Network.

Next Meeting to be arranged in St Joseph's PS as agreed with the school principal who also has agreed to help with any correspondence re footpath to school.