

ITEM 15a

MKC HOUSING FORUM

19 APRIL 2007

MINUTES OF THE MKC HOUSING FORUM GRANT PANEL - 14 FEBRUARY 2007

Present – Jeanette Bobey, Simon Aslett, Charles Allum, Paula Mason, Samantha Dilley, Jeanette Marling, Tony Mercer, Margaret Burke (Also Pete Lindop, observing)

Apologies – Jim Blore and Lyn White

Minutes of the last meeting – OK, however there was no mention of a discussion held regarding plaques for projects.	Outcome
Budget – We have currently spent or committed £11,578.49 and have £68,421.51 left to spend. Projects can be carried over as long as they have been committed.	
New Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mellish Court CCTV Project – 2006/07-18<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There are 136 flats in total with 18 Leaseholders and the rest being Council tenants.○ The system will cover the block as a whole and is completely different to the old system which was purely put in place to protect the concierge only.○ Each camera is independent, which will record to a hard disk recorder. This can be used for evidence.○ There is sufficient lighting for the cameras. They are colour but can automatically adjust to B&W in dimmer lighting, which still gives a good picture.○ They are as vandal proof as can be, in the circumstances.○ There is a 12 month maintenance programme○ Once agreed Pete Lindop (Representative for Mellish Court) thanked the grant panel.	All Agreed – £12195
Project Progress A rundown of all the projects outstanding was given.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springfield Garden Works – 2006/7-01. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This has been visited and the panel thought the quotes were quite high. ○ The costs of the works are £4950. ○ The panel have also tried to contact the warden but without success. They will continue trying to contact her. 	<p>Deferred –</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennyland Play Area – 2006/7-03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still needs more consultation ○ Another visit was made – the area consists of a small play area with a large hill. It is also all surrounded by bushes. ○ An alternative plan might be to see about removing the hill. ○ There is an audit being made of all play areas in MK so need to have an update of this ○ It was accepted that this project would not be done this year ○ A request was also made to find out what the level of anti-social behaviour was in the areas surrounding the site. 	<p>Deferred -</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard House Garden Makeover – 2006/7-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New quotes have been received ○ When the panel visited they were not happy with the state of the outside of the scheme ○ Woodside were the preferred contractor ○ Tony to notify them as he has been dealing with applicant 	<p>All agreed - £21,450</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtney's Lodge Car Parking - 2006/07-06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still no paperwork received 	<p>No paperwork received</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almond Close Kitchen – 2006/07-14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were some concerns over some of the designs received, especially with regard to Health and Safety ○ Some of the other suppliers have been asked to supply a full spec but have not responded ○ Also it was confirmed that communal kitchens would not be covered by Decent Homes ○ This scheme does lots of fundraising for other events and also provide facilities such as a shop (brought from Tesco's and sold at their prices rather than local shop rates) ○ They will have an open day if successful ○ Also the preferred supplier could start next week (AIM) ○ In addition to the quote an additional amount was to be provided for appliances (Fridge Freezer, 	<p>All Agreed – £5845 + £2155 £8000</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ microwave and cooker). Amount agreed is £2155 ○ Jeanette M to notify them as she has been dealing with applicant 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eaglestone Shed and Slabs – 2006/07-07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is to be used for garden furniture, BBQ and tools to be stored in. ○ The garden is quite secure. ○ Tony to notify them as he has been dealing with applicant 	All agreed – £670
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bradville Play Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No paper work received ○ MB is concerned about what has happened to the original funding for this, from the Children’s Fund. Any grants needed to be open. ○ The community mobiliser is Jo James 	Deferred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Magdalen House Garden makeover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No details have been received 	Deferred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Little Brickhill Play area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No details have been received 	Deferred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lakes Estate Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No details have been received 	Deferred
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>A suggestion was made to look at costing some small individual systems for sheltered schemes. This is currently being looked into by the Sheltered Housing Service.</p> <p>Conniburrow Fencing – There was some confusion over this potential application (no paperwork has been received). Visits have been made to have a look at the site and to clarify what was required. The application would only be for part funding. The panel agree they would be prepared to grant a sum of £4,000 to this project providing they received the paperwork. PM to contact Phil Snell to discuss.</p> <p>Play Areas – CA said that he had been at a meeting where an assessment of the play areas in MK was being carried out. Some will be removed and others will be made larger.</p> <p>Contact Details for the panel were handed out. There was a discussion about how many meetings could be missed before someone was taken off the list. The duties of the grant panel also involve much more than just attending meetings, there are visits and contacting people as well. The responsibility to attend meetings also falls on the tenant, and if they cannot</p>	

<p>attend the grant panel there are other opportunities for meetings. PM to resend out guidelines which can be reviewed at the next meeting or at the April meeting.</p> <p>JM will write a sentence to be included which will ensure Residents Associations are consulted and involved with applications.</p> <p>Library of Ideas – PM suggested having a library of ideas for people to look at, and also to have a list of suppliers we have used in the past. There would be a scoring system involving using stars to denote those who met a certain criteria. JM will design feedback form.</p> <p>Fun Day Equipment – Things which would be purchased include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairs ▪ Gazebos or a marquee ▪ Catering BBQ (and possibly a smaller one for vegetarian food) ▪ Generator and stand ▪ Display boards ▪ Mobile freezer <p>Paula to provide a list ready for ordering at next meeting</p> <p>Almond Court – PM to chase through the Repairs Service Centre.</p> <p>Kitchen Appliances – the cooker was not working properly and the microwave had been broken. JB to look at cookers and JM to look at Microwaves.</p>	
<p>Date and Time of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 13th March @ the Tenants Resource Centre, starting at 10.30am.</p>	