

Fao Sue Clements, Clerk, KTC

Please find below two reports for said meetings

2nd Stop Charity Shop report to Annual Town Meeting 16th April 2018:

It has been a very busy last six months as major changes have been put in place to help to make the shop sustainable for the next ten years. A new 10 year lease has been agreed, a new manager [Lyndsay Gilson] has been employed to replace Molly Arnot who has decided to retire after many years of successful service. Our technology has moved into the 21st Century as we now take card payments in the shop, have our own social media Facebook page for people to follow and can sell high value items via sites like eBay. We are hoping that these radical changes will continue to provide the fund raising platform on which SPARK can then make grants to deserving Kesgrave community projects benefiting a great many residents for many years to come.

Volunteers are essential to an organisation like the 2nd Stop and we sincerely thank all those who give their time to help their Town in this way. Anyone wishing to join the team should please contact Lyndsay.

We must also thank all those of you who freely donate items for the shop to sell as without them we would just not function. Nothing goes to waste, as what we don't sell in the shop goes to the Scouts for their jumble sales and what they don't sell goes to the clothing bank. Raising money all round. Thank you to all our customers from whom we continue to receive positive feedback!

Thanks go to Karen Flewitt [Assistant Manager], Celia Comber [Financial Management], Alan Comber [IT Provision] to name a few.

Lyndsay Gilson, 2nd Stop Manager
Charles Rayworth, SPARK Chairman

SPARK report to Annual Town Meeting 16th April 2018:

We too have had a very busy year following my installation as Chairman at our AGM in 2017. By the time you read this we will have had our 2018 AGM where we will have elected two new Trustees as Alan Whittaker and Rob Gifkins have both moved out of Kesgrave. I would personally like to thank them both for all the input that they have provided over their time in office.

We have developed a new strategy of being much more pro-active with our Town Council, the three Primary Schools and Kesgrave High School with a view to having much closer working relationships with them so that our grant funding can reach and benefit the widest possible number of Kesgrave residents. I am determined to implement longer term planning so that SPARK can assist with delivering more projects for the Town via these organisations who have the resources but may not have the funding for "extras" that their budgets do not allow for.

SPARK and the 2nd Stop Shop [Reg.Charity 1077587] have combined accounting. Our annual reports can be found on the Charity Commission website. We too like the shop are updating our website to provide more up to date information and easier email access to the relevant officers for requests for funding, information, etc.

The Trustee's would like to thank Molly Arnot who has done a sterling job running the 2nd Stop Shop over the last few years. Molly has agreed to remain as a Trustee and to help me in our overview of the running of the shop.

My personal thanks go to Pat Mills [Founding Trustee & former Chairman], who still remains as Secretary & Treasurer of SPARK for all the time he has and continues to give to the administration of our charity.

Since the last report to the Annual Town Meeting in April 2017 to the time of writing SPARK has granted assistance to:

Kesgrave Youth Club-via KTC
Kesgrave Market-via KTC
The Big Lunch-via KTC
Kesgrave Town Council
Kesgrave Friendship Club
Kesgrave High School
Heath School
Cedarwood School
Gorseland School
The Walk
Kesgrave Library
Kesgrave Tennis Club
Kesgrave Cricket Club
Kesgrave Scout Group/All Saint's Church
Kesgrave Cycle Speedway
Teachers Pet Netball Club
Kesgrave Guides
Kesgrave Rainbows

much more planned for 2018!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Any Kesgrave organisation, or individual, can approach SPARK requesting financial help in writing together with supporting evidence. All applications are acknowledged, considered in depth by the Trustee's according to our constitution before responding. Please email enquiry@kesgrave-spark.org.uk or see website for other contact details.

Charles Rayworth, SPARK Chairman