

TREETON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes for Trustees meeting at 7pm On Tuesday 18th May 2004 in the Reading Rooms

Attendance: Gordon Payne (Chair), Andrea Beckingham (Company Secretary), Kevin Atkins (Trustee), Sarah Gibbs (Trustee), Nic Marshall (Development Manager), Catherine Cooper (Administrator), Robin Carter (Trustee), Steve Ruffle (Community Connects), Trevor Ledger (Treeton Medical Centre).

264 Apologies

Susan Broadhead (Trustee), Mick Fellowes (CDW), Eric Haycox (Trustee), Reg Littleboy (Trustee), Terri Roche (PCT), John Swift (Trustee), Chris Edwards (member).

265 Minutes of the meeting 20th April 2004

It was agreed that these are a true record.

266 Matters Arising

Gordon thanked everyone for attending the AGM and stated it was nice to see all the Trustees there. Nic stated he had sent letters to Beryl, Sandra and Chris to thank them for preparing the food.

240 Gordon confirmed that it was still hoped the application for Washfield Lane Playground would go before the Community Fund's June board.

244j Nic confirmed that the Chemist has been approved and they are now in the process of organising premises.

258 Gordon stated that no-one had come forward with a view to becoming chair. After some discussion Robin offered to act as vice chair with a view to becoming chair in future. Everyone was in favour. Gordon confirmed he would be happy to support Robin and continue going to some meetings out of the village.

267 Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated.

Gordon confirmed he would be attending the South Yorkshire Open Forum meeting on Wednesday 19th May.

268 Manager's Report

Outstanding issues

268a Nic stated that the Gala Committee now had its own constitution and requested that funds be transferred to the Gala bank account. Everyone was in favour subject to Gordon's approval of the constitution. It was agreed that the marquees would remain the property of the Partnership, however the Gala Committee would be allowed to use them free of charge as and when required.

Nic requested volunteers to man the Partnership stall at the Gala. Gordon and Robin both stated they would be available to help out on the day.

268b After much discussion it was agreed that Nic should go ahead with the bid for a Publicity and Administration Officer. It was also agreed that if the bid were successful we would produce a new style of Partnership News, which would include colour photos and project a professional image. It is hoped that the first issue will incorporate the results of the village survey with details of new projects that we aim to complete.

New issues

268c Nic stated that he had spoken with Alan about employing someone to work in the Churchyard and possibly doing some environmental work in the village. Alan has asked if it would be possible for the Partnership to be the employer. Everyone was in favour subject to there being no problems with the Charity Commission.

269 Community Connects

Steve circulated a report outlining his first 6 weeks with Waverley Community Connects. He also circulated information from the meeting between communities and the LSC held on Wednesday 28th April, organised by SYOF.

270 Village Survey

To date we have received 415 completed surveys, which represents almost 33%. Nic proposed to review the results in sections, which he would distribute to Trustees as they are completed. He stated that the sections completed on behalf of the police and the medical centre would be passed to them first before they were discussed within the partnership.

There is a lot of information coming out of the Survey and hopefully the focus groups will come up with some suggestions of new projects before the next meeting. It was suggested that we might have a separate meeting in June to discuss the Survey.

271 Review of Focus Groups

It was agreed that there was potential for new focus groups as a result of the survey. The Environmental and Health Focus group is running very well, with a lot of help and support from Terri Roche. The Capacity Focus group is also going well with a member involved with the group. The Business Focus group is just getting off the ground and a breakfast meeting is due to be held in the Station on Wednesday 26th May. The Facilities Group needs some support and additional members.

It was suggested that the Partnership should work together with the Village Association and Waverley Community Connects for some future groups as many of the aims overlapped.

272 ABC Awards

In his absence, Mick had produced a report on a potential project that could be funded through an ABC Award. This had come out of a meeting between Mick, Nic, Sarah, Steve and Suzanne Snowden. The basic idea was to hold a "Prom" on the Well Lane playing fields under marquees for the young people. The young people will design, decorate and organise the event themselves during the preceding fortnight. The idea will be to promote ownership and maturity within the group and work towards building links with the rest of the community. Nic pointed out that due to pressure of work he would not be able to allocate time to organising this project but would help with the funding bid if required. Mick therefore agreed to lead on the project.

It was accepted that the project was an extremely important piece of work. It was also recognised that it would be extremely challenging and would only work with the support of a lot of people/organisations.

It was therefore agreed that due to tight timescales, the funding bid to ABC should be allowed to proceed. However, the following actions must take place before any offer of funding is accepted:-

- As Mick had agreed to lead on the project, he must obtain a commitment in writing from VAR to the project in case of him leaving the village for any reason.

- Agreement from youth services to take part in the project must be obtained once again in writing.
- The project has some possible major implications with regards to youths from other areas finding out about it and “gate-crashing”. Also potential flashpoints from illicit alcohol smuggled into the event. Therefore the agreement of South Yorkshire Police to adequately police the event must also be sought.
- Mick must report back to the next trustees meeting (15th June) confirming and evidencing that the above actions have taken place, together with an update on the project.

273 Meeting with Lee Adams

Gordon stated that he had attended a meeting With Lee Adams, the Deputy Chief Executive of RMBC. They discussed Partnership working and the fact that existing funding streams were running down.

It is hoped that new funding will be available between 2005 and 2009, however this is likely to be for economic developments and they will be looking for sustainable organisations promoting social enterprise.

Gordon stated that as a Partnership we are looking to become self-sustaining and need to look for possible sources of income. Details from the previous survey had been given to RMBC and he asked if they would consider paying a fee for this years results.

It is also possible that in future there may be an opportunity to form/join a neighbourhood management scheme, this would incorporate a much larger area, probably including Brinsworth and Catcliffe.

274 Finance

Andrea presented a Bank Reconciliation Statement for April 2004 and the updated Budget including April’s expenditure.

The minutes of the Community Chest Panel meeting were circulated and Andrea went through details of the figures.

275 Feedback from Sub-committees

The environment sub-committee have had a quote for the sports area of £40,000 and details of the lease now need to be sorted out.

Robin mentioned the triangular area between Chandler Grove and Admiral Briggs Drive, which was previously grassed and currently has bushes. He is hoping to have the bushes taken out and the area made into a communal area for summer barbeques and children to play. The matter was referred back to the Environment Committee, as that is where the original decision to plant bushes was made. The Partnership could only support this proposal if ALL residents were in agreement.

276 New Members

Sandra Cathorall Associate Member – All approved.