

TREETON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes for Trustees meeting at 7pm On Tuesday 16th March 2004 in the Reading Rooms

Attendance: Gordon Payne (Chair), Susan Broadhead (Trustee), Andrea Beckingham (Company Secretary), Kevin Atkins (Trustee), Reg Littleboy (Trustee), John Swift (Trustee), Nic Marshall (Development Manager), Catherine Cooper (Administrator), Mick Fellowes (CDW), Eric Haycox (Trustee), Robin Carter (Trustee), Trevor Ledger (Treeton Medical Centre), Terri Roche (Rotherham P.C.T.), Aisha Special K (Sheffield Community Transport).

238 Apologies

Alan Isaacson (Trustee), Reg Littleboy (Trustee), Sarah Gibbs (Trustee), Chris Edwards (member).

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It was agreed that these are a true record.

240 Matters Arising

Andrea reported there had been some queries with the accounts, however these had now been resolved and they should be back from the auditors in time for April's meeting.

231d Nic confirmed that short term funding has been secured for the IT Centre. He also mentioned that there would be an open day on Friday 19th March and everyone was welcome to attend, to see what facilities are available.

231e Nic advised that unfortunately the bid for the Washfield Lane Playground had been turned down. Gordon stated that as the funding was applied for by the Playing Fields Trust we would wait for further news from their group, before discussing the issue further.

231h Nic stated that he was waiting for further information from cedr with regards to a course on recruiting volunteers.

234 John is waiting for confirmation of funding available from the Local Access Forum, it is expected to be in the region of £25,000.

237 It was confirmed that the Committee skills training session is due to go ahead on Thursday 25th March in the Reading Rooms 9.30am to 4.30pm.

241 Social Inclusion & Transport

Aisha introduced herself and explained that she works for Sheffield Community Transport, which is a voluntary organisation supported by Objective 1 funding. She stated that she works in partnership with the councils and covers both the Sheffield and Rotherham areas.

Aisha advised that she looks at transport needs in different areas and works towards providing the solutions required. She explained there are a number of schemes up and running in other areas which include: Loans of bikes to 16 to 25 year olds to help them gain access to training and jobs, this support comes as a package including training, helmets, and insurance. Dial a Bus is a demand responsive transport scheme that acts like a taxi service. There is also an opportunity to set up a Driving School project.

On a larger scale there are opportunities to set up a Community transport scheme operating between villages around the area. This will be looked at in further detail in conjunction with the Waverley Community Connects project.

The Social Inclusion and transport project is a pot of £3.1million to be used to improve facilities, and remove barriers that prevent opportunities for all.

Various schemes were discussed and Aisha explained that many options were possible, however match funding would need to be raised as the scheme would provide only 50% of costs.

It was agreed that we would include some questions about transport in the Village Survey and look towards possibly including transport in the future action plan.

242 Social Audit

Gordon stated that the Social Audit raised many positive comments about the Partnership and it's work.

Nic raised the following points on behalf of Alan Isaccson who was unable to attend the meeting.

The things we need to consider from the results of the Social Audit are: building membership and recruiting new trustees, identifying new ways of engaging with young people, the Partnership's sustainability, the Partnership as a Network or Provider and building links outside the village.

Everyone agreed that these points should be looked into, however it was thought that it should be looked at along with the Village Survey results once this had been done.

243 Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated.

Gordon confirmed he would be attending the South Yorkshire Open Forum meeting on the 17th March and agreed to provide a report for the Village Association as they are unable to attend.

244 Manager's Report

Outstanding issues

244a Nic mentioned that the next Gala meeting is on 18th March and Susan stated that she was willing to rejoin the committee.

244b The next Carers' Lunch is on Friday 26th March and will incorporate it's first A.G.M.

244c Nic confirmed that Steve Ruffle had been appointed Waverley Community Link Officer and Deborah Rhodes as the Administration Officer. Both will be starting the week commencing 29th March. It was agreed that from the April meeting Community Connects will become a standard agenda item.

244d Robin agreed to produce his Trustees Tale for the forthcoming issue of Partnership News, and Susan agreed to do the next edition.

244e Nic confirmed the meeting regarding the role of the CDW is due to be held on 17th March and this will be brought up at April's meeting.

244f Nic advised that the Village Association's Business Plan has now been approved. He also passed round photos of the Community Resource Centre so far.

New issues

244g It was agreed that the Focus Groups would be reviewed as an agenda item at April's meeting.

244h Nic stated we now have a new display board which will hopefully be ready for the A.G.M.

244i Nic mentioned that there will be a presentation from Regen School at April's meeting. Gordon also advised that he had been contacted by CRT who fund the Regen School to possibly act as a mentor. The scheme would require a commitment of 7 – 10 days per year and would generate an income for the Partnership of £300.00 per day. Unfortunately at the moment Gordon does not feel he can commit the time to accept this position.

244j Nic stated that we had been contacted by Chris Bates to let us know that there will be a hearing on Thursday 15th April at the Unity Centre, St. Leonard's Road Rotherham at 12.50pm. Chris asked that residents from Treeton attend if they wish to have a chemist in

the village. Posters with details will be up in the Reading Rooms and Trevor agreed to put up details in the surgery.

245 Village Survey

John requested it be noted that he was not happy with the survey especially questions relating to crime.

After much discussion it was agreed that amendments needed to be made to various sections, and the crime section would be moved further into the survey. It was also agreed that some of the wording would be simplified throughout the survey to ensure it is easy to understand by all. Nic agreed to make the amendments including adding a section asking about transport requirements. These will be sent out for approval over the coming weekend.

The aim is to have the surveys distributed and collected back in time to have a report ready for the A.G.M.

It was agreed that when collecting the surveys back, it would be recommended that this be done in pairs as it may involve going into homes to provide assistance with completing the survey. Nic would provide a letter for volunteers to sign, where they will have to specify if they are happy to work alone.

246 Engaging Youth Project

Mick gave details about the residential which had taken place with many of the young people.

Although some problems occurred including some damage to the property, Mick expressed that there were some positive outcomes.

Many of the older youths took responsibility for helping the younger ones in the daytime activities. There is interest with both the young people and some parents in creating a Youth Forum. It is anticipated that this will include a meeting once a month and will be named Active Treeton. Mick is also working closely with some of the teenagers to support them in applying for jobs, creating CV's and possibly doing training courses. The questions for the youth section of the Village Survey were also produced from a meeting whilst on the residential.

Mick will be providing a report of the residential and a newsletter. He is also in contact with the parents of the small number youths who caused some disruption to sort out paying for the damage caused.

It was agreed that Engaging Youth is not an easy task and as part of the action plan it needs looking at further. It will be raised again as an Agenda item at April's meeting.

247 Chair discussion

This was deferred to April's meeting.

248 Finance

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

Andrea explained there was a large amount showing in the Community Chest as the first meeting for allocating funds is due on 31st March. She also stated we are still awaiting funds from SRB6 for which returns were sent in some time ago.

Susan mentioned that both the Library and Carer's group had become self sustaining.

249 Feedback from Sub-Committees

Minutes were circulated of sub-committee meetings which had been held after the documents had gone out for the meeting. No issues were raised.

250 New Members

There was one new application for membership, Montana Cards and it was approved.