

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2004

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

Present: Hilary and Zoë Turewicz, Maria Robinson, Frances White, Chris Lowe, Bev Rinvenuto, Ronnie and Millie Barclay, Tanya Collins, Phillippa Stanbridge, Julie Pritchett, Debbie Beresford, Jon Shilling. (13)

Apologies: Debbie James

Meeting Started at 8.15pm

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Agreed, no issues raised.

Treasury Report

No change to the Bank Balance since last meeting.
The presentation of the accounts has not yet been amended. Hilary will do so as soon as possible.

Action: Hilary

Resignation of Chair

Following the resignation of Debbie James as Chair, Jon Shilling, as Vice-Chair agreed to accept the role, until the AGM in July, where a more permanent person could be appointed. This was seconded by Maria, Phillippa, Julie, Hilary and Bev.

A letter of thanks and Flowers to be sent to Debbie by means of appreciation.

Action: Julie

Fundraising

Easter Egg:

The Easter Egg has arrived and raffle tickets were now being sold at the Cross Keys Pub for £1.00 – a-go. The raffle to be drawn on the Easter Fun Day - 12th April 2004.

It was agreed that Frances would get more raffle tickets to hand out for members of the committee to sell to family and friends.

Action: Frances to get raffle tickets - Anyone that can sell tickets please contact Frances.

Other Applications:

Jon to contact the Environmental Fund and the Lottery for £15000 per scheme.

If both applications are approved it would mean that our target to complete the project would be achieved and there would be additional funds.

Conversation was then what piece of equipment would be added to the plan if extra funds were available. It was agreed to add this to the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Jon

Company Applications

Two more 'positive' responses have been received following the Portfolio being sent out.

One from Woolworth's - stating that Bedford Store will be nominating our project for their 'In Store Kids First Charity'. They will raise money on our behalf for a period of 6 months. All that is required is Head Office approval and we will be notified when this has been received.

The second one from Asda - It would appear that they have a 'Colleague Circle' where they will discuss all applications received. If they can help out they will also be in touch.

Hanson in the Community re-directed us to the Environmental Fund to which we are already applying.

Parish Council Meeting

After the last Parish Council Meeting various enquiries were conducted by Cllr Hanbury, the Borough Councillor for this area regarding the ownership issue with Bedford Borough Council.

They checked the Land Registry and confirmed the land in question was not registered.

They also checked the Council Records which revealed that the land is not owned by the Council.

Chris Lowe stated that the Parish Council are now prepared to pay a Solicitor to establish the ownership once and for all. Presumably if no owner can be found, the Parish Council will lay claim to the area and secure it as The Playspace.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 18th March 2004 - Church End Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

Action: Phillippa, Hilary and Julie to confirm to Bev if they can attend.

As many as possible to attend to show support and commitment from The Playspace.

Purchase of Equipment

An up-to-date quote has been received from Playdale.

Bev was asked to contact Playdale to establish how long the prices quoted are guaranteed for.

No decision was made to purchase equipment at this stage.

Action: Bev

Maintenance of Playspace

One of the 'No Dog' signs has been ripped of the new gate.
Jon to talk to Martin to see if he can fix it.
No other issues raised.

Action: Jon

Newsletter

All copies of the Newsletter have now been delivered.
Jon suggested that another one should be aimed for delivery in June. To be added to the agenda for 'Items on Hold'.
With regard to the Auction of Promises, no promises have been received to date. This to be added to the next agenda to discuss if this event can go ahead.

Easter Fun Day Event

MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2004

The Sub-committee will be holding a meeting regarding this event at Tanya's House on Thursday 11th March 2004 @ 7.30pm.
If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please either turn up at the meeting or contact Tanya, (note through the door, carrier pigeon message etc) as to what you can assist with on the day.

Sub-committee: Tanya, Phillippa, Julie, Bev, Hilary, Maria and Debbie.

Action: All - any suggestions for 'attractions' or volunteers.

Grand Raffle

This item to be put with 'Items on Hold' and to be added to the agenda for June.

Any Other Business

Alice Burns, Social Inclusion Officer from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity had contacted Chris Lowe as she would like some photographs of events and the Committee. Chris to contact Alice to arrange.

Action: Chris

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1st April 2004

8.00pm

Cross Keys Public House

All Welcome

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm.