

## **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.**

- 1. Those Present:** R Barber, M Barber, J Nielsen, S White, R Belson, K Stockton, J Bloomfield, F Bloomfield, I Bartholomew, R Hubbard, J Hubbard, K Rotheron, I Campbell, B Wills, E Thurlow, J Clark, M Mansfield, & T Roberts.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** J Thomas, K Boardley and H Seeley.
- 3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016:** J Bloomfield proposed and S White seconded the motion. This was carried unanimously.

### **4. Matters Arising:**

**4:1 Community Printing Facility:** J Bloomfield reported that there had been meetings between interested parties and that the options had been narrowed down to one printer, the Riso CV3030. Its cost is £1,450 excluding VAT. It will have a year's warranty, prints 130 pages a minute, has more dpi than other machines looked at, and is an eco-friendly option. It would belong in equal measure to Community Council and the Church. There will be a demonstration of the equipment on 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30. Jeannie put forward the proposal that we instruct the PCC to proceed with the purchase on the understanding that we would underwrite 50% of the cost pending the outcome of the funding request submitted to Walsham Open Gardens Trust. This was seconded by I Bartholomew and carried unanimously. Jeannie also advised that she has already written requesting funding towards this purchase which will help a number of groups within the village. Insurance arrangements need to be ascertained as the machine will be located on PCC property & should therefore be covered by their contents insurance with us potentially making a 50% contribution towards the additional premium.

**4:2 Observer Matters:** The Editor reported that there are two new advertisers this month, nine in the last two months, and that there is already interest in colour covers for next year.

**4:3 Neighbourhood Watch:** It was confirmed that Neighbourhood Watch still exists with K Stockton as the contact and that the overall title is Walsham Watch.

### **5. Events:**

**5:1 14<sup>th</sup> October – Village Quiz – Report back:** This year's event was won by Drama Group with a narrow majority of one point over the Community Council team. Nine teams took part – our thanks to all of them for their support. Total takings were up on last year with a profit of £387 from team payments, raffle and bar takings.

**5:2 Mystery Show – 15<sup>th</sup> October – Report back:** M Barber confirmed that the event had been well attended with 92 tickets being handed in at the event. 37 envelopes were returned at the end of the evening and they contained a total of £480.40. The remainder of the performer costs would be met by Creative Arts East, as promised when we agreed to host a Mystery Show with Pay What You Think at the end of the evening. Maggie confirmed that she would be having an honest discussion with Karen Kidman, of Creative Arts East, about the show. Namely, she felt that the audience would have appreciated more input from the performers and less time to community dancing, although she appreciated that the youngsters and their families had enjoyed the chance to participate. As an 'event' it was different and had brought in a cross-section of the community. Raffle and Bar takings resulted in £342 profit.

**5:3 Cinema – 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Ian Bartholomew reported that about 25 people had been in the audience, £106 had been taken from the raffle, bar and donations bucket.

**5:4 Unveiling of the Memorial Batik – 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Ian Bartholomew reported that the whole event is coming together well – next Friday will see the setting up of the hall during the day. The format involves the school children who worked on the batik, Helen Dougal's input, songs from the school choir and the spoken word by J Thomas and M Mansfield. Richard Martineau has agreed to perform the unveiling. The History Group will mount their exhibition and Fiona Glover will set up an RBL Poppy Day stall. Refreshments will be supplied by members of the Coffee Shop and tea, coffee and cake will be served. Thanks were given to J Clark for the fantastic invitations she produced. Ian has also had 200 cards printed of the batik .. these will be sold for £1.50 each, 4 for £5.

**5:5 Cinema – 18<sup>th</sup> November:** The film will be Eddie the Eagle, all are welcome.

**5:6 Christmas Fayre – 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Fred Bloomfield confirmed that 13 stalls have been booked to date. Mike Wills will produce the posters which M Barber will laminate. He is also organising publicity in BFP and EADT. Joan Freeborn had said that she has helpers organised but would appreciate the offer of more cakes. Anyone wishing to have a stall should contact Fred on 01359 258596.

**5:7 The Nutcracker – 16<sup>th</sup> December:** As the hall is no longer closing down on 5<sup>th</sup> December, this event has been moved nearer Christmas. J Bloomfield offered an extra-large tablecloth to be adapted to form a backcloth. M Barber confirmed that posters will be put up shortly and the 'boards' utilised after the Christmas Fayre.

**5:8 Disney Princesses – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** J Thomas has confirmed the date for the production by the youngest members of her group.

**5:9 John Hubbard's Musical Offering – 8<sup>th</sup> April:** To be confirmed.

**5:10 Eastern Angles Production – a Saturday in May:** To be confirmed.

**5:11 Cabaret Show – 15<sup>th</sup> July:** J Thomas confirmed that this will take place with the older children and adults from the Concert Party.

**6. Finance Report:** I Bartholomew reported a balance on the Community Council account of £1,912.87. There is a total of £34,422.55 in the MVH account, of which £31,189.33 is in the Building Fund. He is hopeful of other grants becoming available shortly.

**7. Hall Matters:** There were no issues to report from the Accident Book. K Rothon has cut back the bushes near the garden gate entrance to facilitate its use as an emergency exit. He has also refixed the notice boards onto their supports.

**8. Stage 4 Hall Project:** The project is still very much alive! R Barber wrote to builders asking how long they could hold their prices as materials and labour prices are increasing all the time, currently about 10 to 15%. One can hold labour prices but not materials, one will hold for 6 months. Committee decided we may need to be more flexible in the dates to close the hall as the longer we defer, the more it will cost. £5,000 Green Fund offer can be deferred; Suffolk Rural Fund has offered £4,000; SCC Locality Grant of £1,500 has to be spent in this financial year but we hope it can be replaced next year. Rob spoke to MSDC Community Funder who is hopeful of offering support. Over all we need to continue our village fundraising. I Campbell raised the idea of taking out a loan if necessary. A decision was made to close during Autumn 2017. R Barber proposed closing from 24<sup>th</sup> September till the end of November, I Campbell seconded, and the meeting agreed.

**9. Correspondence:** None

**10. Any Other Business:** J Bloomfield reported that the WI Quiz will be on the second Friday in February 2017.

**11. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**Date of next meeting:** This will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, 7.30 at The Six Bells.