

Longparish Community Association

Minutes of a meeting held at Cherry Tree Cottage, Forton on Wednesday 12 March at 20.00.

08.16 Attendance

Fiona Gould (Chair), Christine & Patrick Beresford, Alix Bremridge, Andy Smith, David Wright.

8.17 Apologies

Jeremy Barber

8.18 Actions from previous meeting

Where done, these are covered in the subjects concerned. The remaining ones to carry forward along with action points from the current meeting were:

- Membership form for Affiliate groups **Action – Christine**
- **All** to suggest names of people who might join the committee
- Agreed that smaller donations will be acknowledged when membership cards are issued. Jeremy will liaise with David just before sending out the cards to ensure he uses up to date information. **Action - Andy, David & Jeremy.**
- The committee was happy in principle to have Smooth Movers as a section of LCA and to underwrite up to £100 (in addition to the £50 in hand) to cover a dip provided they could be assure that the Smooth Movers were taking all necessary steps (such as advertising and perhaps changing the meeting time) to widen membership. Fiona has spoken with Gloria but will also discuss with Gina **Action - Fiona**

8.19 Membership update

We currently have 169 members, 111 of which are renewals. Of the 169, 139 are adults, 30 children and 43 Associates.

The March H&V article will be reworded. **Action - Christine**

We can now reduce renewal activity and concentrate on getting new members through events. Membership form can continue on the back of monthly diary unless there is a significant cost implication or there is other material that could use the back of the sheet, in which case we're happy for the form to be replaced.

Action - Jeremy

Enjoying village life together

8.20 Treasurer's report

Our balance has increased from £4669 to £5227 with memberships and generous donations having more than made up for expenditure – even despite the recent KidzZone purchases.

The Christmas Quiz cleared £200 profit – with thanks to Jeremy and our mystery quiz setter.

8.21 Activities – KidzZone

The Wii has been well received and Andrea has asked if we would be prepared to allow KidzZone to spend some of their allocated funds on a larger monitor (they're currently using a small portable TV). It was agreed to ask Andrea to price up a monitor. **Action – Fiona**

Andrea has also been wondering about allowing LCA members access to all the KidzZone equipment when it is not in use – especially as KidzZone will not be operating during the summer holidays. Some of the kit would have to be used in the village hall – therefore access issues – but some is portable. It was agreed that we should get a full list of equipment and discuss access arrangements, deposits, rates etc at our next meeting. **Action - Fiona to talk to Andrea.**

8.22 Activities – Moviola

Jeremy has shared our concerns about Moviola 'moving the goalposts' with Caroline Noakes and she has asked the Arts Officer to explore why they have pulled out.

Despite this activity, we are still of the view that our best option would be to get our own equipment and licence so that we can run our own film shows. Andy and Emma will look at pulling a small group together to explore the options (to include: Nicky Derrick, David Gould, Jo Webb.....?) **Action - Andy & Emma.**

Christine will contact the FeckenOdeon organisers to understand what they have had to spend and on what. **Action – Christine**

We should put a 1-liner in H&V to explain what is going on. **Action - Andy**

8.23 Activities – Hog the Limelight

Diary of a Nobody was a good event with a good cast, but attendance was unfortunately limited because it was Mother's Day which clashed with lots of other activities. However, it was agreed that we should continue to try and bring Hog events to the village.

The open day for next year's Hog the Limelight is on 26 April, from 10-4pm at Sherfield on Loddon village hall. Alix has put an article in H&V inviting people to attend. We may have to pay for the lunches of extra people but that is OK.

Action - Fiona will take a car, if no-one else is available.

8.24 Activities – Elderly

Fiona has met with Corinne Bowman and Jean Chambers and given them a budget of £300, the information they need to book the TVCS minibus and the information about getting volunteer drivers MIDAS trained. They already have some ideas for trips and are also looking at other ideas. They will let us have details and we will help with any necessary publicity. Bills will be sent directly to David.

Action - Fiona to liaise with the group.

8.25 Activities – Summer event

We have the grant and the band is confirmed and the hall booked. Unfortunately the Western dancers/shooters are unavailable on that date as they have an event of their own.

A small workgroup (Andy, Patick, Jeremy and any of our volunteers) will meet to put together more detailed proposals before our next meeting. **Action - Andy to set up**

8.26 Community Hall

The group has met again and had a presentation from Tim Sweet in which he stressed that the school was not trying to make a profit and that the current prices were comparable with local village halls.

8.27 Best Kept Village

Jeremy has given Rosie Lowry and the Gardening Club the information. We don't have any clear idea what is involved but we would be very happy to offer support – eg financial for publicity – if the group wish to go ahead. **Action - Christine to discuss with Rosie**

8.28 Trading Standards/Police event

The group support this proposal and will contact the police officer to offer our support and assistance in organising the event. **Action - Fiona/Jeremy**

8.29 Test Valley Community Association Network (TVCAN)

As well as the Wii, we have received a computer projector. **Action – Andy to deliver to David Gould for testing.**

The next meeting of TVCAN is on 1st April and the main topic is support for the elderly. Andy will attend and others will be welcome. There will be a note put in Hill and Valley **Action - Andy**

Corinne and Jean will be contacted directly **Action – Fiona**

Alison's feedback form **Action - Andy to complete**

8.30 AGM

David is unable to make the planned date for the AGM (11th June). It was agreed that we should change to Tuesday 3rd June, providing everyone can make it.

Action – Fiona to check

Action - Jeremy to change hall booking

Trevor Elkins is prepared in principle to join the Committee. **Action – Fiona to invite him to our next meeting.**

8.31 Next meeting

Thursday 15 May at The Orchards, Forton courtesy of Alix .

8.32 Closure

The meeting closed at 22.02!