

# Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Present

John Discombe	Chairman
Arthur Iball	Vice Chairman
Pam Scanlan	Secretary
Alison Tierney	Bookings Secretary
Vicky Clough	Representative Whimble Pre School
Lis Roberts	Representative WI
Ross Cottey	Representative YFC
Danny Bratt	Representative V PA
Alison Creasy	Representative Whimble School
Sylvia Broom	Elected member
Bob Scanlan	Elected Member
John Williams	Elected Member

At the beginning of the meeting a presentation was given by Stuart Allardyce from the Community Council of Devon, on the rural outreach learning initiative. This scheme assists local communities to provide adult learning opportunities. Schemes can apply for grants of £1650, and will have support and advice on setting up courses. We are still in time to apply to join the scheme, but will have to get organised, as the deadline is 31.03.2008. JD thanked him for the information and said we would be in touch if we thought we could meet the criteria.

## 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from: George Begent, and David Rastall .

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Arthur Iball and seconded by Vicky Clough.

## 3. Matters arising:

- 3.1.1 School contract: JD has contacted County Hall. Chris Williams is no longer involved; a Mr Penhaligon is now in post. The Head teacher has agreed to arrange a meeting.
- 3.1.2 Oak trees: JD has told the PC it will cost £500 to remove the trees If they will not pay, the trees will be cut down as we cannot afford to pay the costs. JW has arranged for Dulford Nursery to look at the trees to see if they want them. If not Ross Cottey may want them.
- 3.1.3 Feedback was given on the two training days held by CCD.
- 3.1.4 Car park: To be discussed at the meeting with the County Council.
- 3.1.5 Storage: The school shed is now in position.
- 3.1.6 Radio Gemini Grant: application was submitted two months ago..

- 3.1.7 Christmas soup ‘n sarnie: This will be on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Menus are available.
- 3.1.8 Pricing policy sub cttee: The committee has reconsidered it’s recommendations and now proposes that we should keep the 12.5% discretionary rate, but to increase all hire rates by £1 per hour except the billiard room which will increase by 50p.
- RJS proposed that we should accept this recommendation.
- SB seconded the proposal, and it was agreed by majority.
- 3.2 The soup ‘n sarnie on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov was the busiest yet. We made a profit of £163.

#### **4. Maintenance:**

- The potholes in the car park need attention.
- The leak in the billiard room roof appears to be due to the freak winds and heavy rain.

#### **5. Correspondence:**

- The Coleridge Medical Centre have changed the times of their surgeries so need access to their car park on Mon, Wed and Fri mornings.
- AGS have been asked to fix the front door.
- The Whimbletons have asked for a further price reduction. JD proposed that they should receive the usual regular user concession. This was seconded by VC and agreed by all.

#### **6. Treasurer’s Report:**

In the absence of the Treasurer, JD reported the following:

Buildings and maintenance account has approx £21,500

Deposit account approx £750

We are owed approx £500

We have incurred an overdraft charge of £15

JD stressed the importance of finding a new treasurer.

#### **7. Booking Secretary’s report:**

- Bookings level is good.
- Seven TENS have been used.
- The computing system is a great advantage.

## **8. Update on computer system:**

RJS reported that the system had been run for a month. The programme, which has cost about £326, is good and is a great benefit. Ali is very happy with it. RJS proposed that we should purchase a laptop computer for the system to cover Ali's absence. This would cost about £350. JD seconded the proposal and everyone was in favour.

The system will come into full use in January, and it was suggested that the letter giving information about the increase in charges should include details of the new system.

## **9. Any other Business:**

- Karen and Geoff Delve have raised £100 for the hall. PLS to write a letter of thanks.
- Rural outreach learning initiative: A sub cttee was elected to look into this possibility. The members are AT, VC and LR.
- Soup 'n sarnie will be held on the third Sat in each month apart from June, July and August.
- LR and VC would like to attend a basic food-handling course.
- Ross Cottey was advised that he would need to apply for a TENS if the YF disco continued after midnight.

## **10. Date of next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

The meeting closed @ 9.40 pm.