

Tutbury Old School Community Association

Minutes of a meeting of Tutbury Old School Community Association held on Wednesday 6 August 2008 at Tutbury Old School, Cornmill Lane, Tutbury at 7.30 pm

Present

Name	Representing
Liz Staples	East Staffs Borough Council Member
Pete Steadman	12 th Burton, 1 st Tutbury & Hatton Scout Group
Boyd Casswell	12 th Burton, 1 st Tutbury & Hatton Scout Group
Tim Spencer-Smith	12 th Burton, 1 st Tutbury & Hatton Scout Group
Bob Fraser	Staffordshire County Council Member
Di Needham	Staffordshire Youth Service
Jane Taylor	Tutbury Parish Council Member
Joanna Woodberry	Tutbury Pre-school
Arthur Tipper	Tutbury Charities
Malcolm Wardle	Tutbury Residents Association
Dave Kennedy	Tutbury Arts Group/Music Festival
Trevor Hathaway	East Staffs Borough Council Member
Carolyn Coxon	Community Action Support East Staffs (CASES)

Apologies

Maria Parslow	Local business community
Deb Bacon	Community & Learning Partnership
Bill Crossley	Tutbury Parish Council Member
Graham Lowther	Staffs County Council Children & Lifelong Learning
Andy Allen	Tutbury Teen Campaign
Amy Harrison	Tutbury Teen Campaign

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 1st July 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Nomination of New Treasurer Nomination of New Treasurer

Since the last meeting, Pete Steadman resigned as treasurer. The Executive Committee of the Scout Group decided, at its AGM in July, to actively pursue the option of building a new HQ on part of Cornmill Lane playing field. Pete felt this leads to a conflict of interest, as clearly if such a building is built the scout group will not need Tutbury Old School and so does not feel he can be treasurer. Bob Fraser suggested that TOSCA and the scout group would be in competition for funds from the same sources, so clearly there is a conflict of interest.

After some discussion, no-one present wished to be nominated for various reasons, so it was resolved that Joanna Woodberry would combine the roles of chair and treasurer for the time being.

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Update from Councillor Bob Fraser

Bob was able to let Peter Traves have a copy of the minutes of the last meeting not long after 1st July. He then had a meeting with Peter Traves, who confirmed the agreement to delay the sale of Tutbury Old School for one year, to July 2009. Bob was put in touch with John Tradewell, Head of Legal Services SCC. Bob and Liz Staples were able to meet John Tradewell to discuss Tutbury Old School. Bob has confirmed to Peter Traves that TOSCA has been formed with both the intent of and commitment to achieving the aim of acquiring Tutbury Old School for the community and especially its children and young people. John Tradewell is arranging a meeting with Bob and Peter Traves to discuss the way forward from the SCC point of view and advice regarding the possible application of the Quirk Report.

Trevor Hathaway had also met Peter Traves who confirmed the deferment of the sale but did stress it was not a decision change.

There was some discussion about ongoing maintenance of buildings identified for sale and the rationale for the decision to sell the so-called surplus property of the Children & Lifelong Learning department, such as Tutbury Old School and Uxbridge Youth Club.

Joanna Woodberry urged some caution in relying too much on SCC advice concerning the Quirk Report and suggested contacting groups who had practical knowledge of its application as well as accepting the advice of SCC officers.

There was some discussion about how strictly the timescale of one year might be adhered to but it was agreed that it would all depend on how close TOSCA was to success by July 2009.

There was some discussion about sources of funding. Di Needham confirmed that the next tranche of 'youth capital' would be next April.

Type of Organisation and Adoption of Relevant Instruments

There was some discussion about the type of organisation. It was agreed TOSCA should be a registered charity but not whether it should be unincorporated or a limited company.

It was agreed that once Jane Taylor had contacted the Charities Commission for its advice as to which type, Joanna and Jane could draft the governing document from a model document.

Update from the Scout Group

As previously mentioned, the scout group are considering a new building on Cornmill Lane. They have the running costs for Rolleston Scout HQ and Tutbury Old School. There was some discussion about the accessibility of Tutbury Old School, as an example as to how it was not always suitable for the scout group.

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There was concern expressed that the position of the scout group weakened TOSCA's case. However, members of the scout group fully back TOSCA, on the basis that they are not going to be in a position to move out within the next 12 months anyway, their plans being at an early stage.

CASES seed fund and membership

It was agreed to join CASES. Liz Staples paid the £10 fee on behalf of TOSCA (to be repaid as soon as practicable) and the form was completed and given to Carolyn Coxon.

Carolyn advised TOSCA need to have a bank account before it could apply for the £100 seed money.

Sources of Funding

It was agreed that everyone present would get ideas about possible sources of funding.

Dave Kennedy will arrange to go to Stafford to meet Andy at SCC, with whom he has had dealings for Tutbury Teen Campaign.

Joanna will go to CASES in early September.

Other leads included Nestles and WASP.

Dave Kennedy suggested the possibility of a charity concert.

Any Other Business

Carolyn was asked her opinion on the more appropriate of the two organisation type under consideration. She suggested the charitable trust would be better at this stage and TOSCA would not be precluded from changing status at some later point anyway.

Jane to obtain the information required to form a charitable trust by contacting the Charities Commission.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 18th September at 7.30 pm to be held at Tutbury Institute, High Street, Tutbury.