

Tutbury Old School Community Association

Minutes of a meeting of Tutbury Old School Community Association held on Thursday 29th January 2009 at the Tutbury Institute, High Street, Tutbury at 7.30 pm

Present

Joanna Woodberry, Jane Taylor, Deb Bacon, Councillor Bob Fraser, Di Needham, Arthur Tipper, Malcolm Wardle, Jill Page (Tutbury Pre-school), Pat Harvey, Peter Twining, John Roots and Bill Crossley.

Apologies

Trevor Hathaway, Graham Lowther, Dave Kennedy and Liz Staples.
Kay Hickinbottom tendered her apologies after the meeting

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Report from Councillor Bob Fraser

Councillor Bob Fraser had nothing additional to report since the meeting of 19th December 2008, which had been discussed at the previous meeting of TOSCA. He confirmed that at the meeting TOSCA had been invited to make an offer to SCC Youth Service for the building, accompanied by a business plan.

The Business Plan

The business plan had been produced by the sub-committee comprising of Joanna Woodberry, Jane Taylor and Mark Llewellyn. It had been sent out for comment to Deb Bacon, Graham Lowther and Di Needham.

Deb Bacon queried the format of the business plan and offered to send a copy of the format used by her for Community & Learning Partnership projects.

A general discussion followed on how, when and to whom the business plan ought to be submitted with no real conclusion being reached.

Joanna Woodberry then read out the business plan, which was also beamed from a laptop onto the wall.

There was general discussion concerning the content, which was felt to be generally good, but did not include sufficient information on how the plan was to be achieved.

In particular, Deb Bacon suggested more details be added concerning how the facility would be advertised to other potential users. She also re-iterated her offer to send one of her business plans.

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It was also agreed that letters of support from parents of the children using the building and, indeed, the older children and young people themselves were desirable. Jane Taylor asked Deb Bacon, Di Needham and Jill Page directly if they could ask for such letters. It was agreed to ask the scout group as well, as they were not represented on this occasion at the meeting.

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Deb Bacon suggested looking at the indices Indices of Deprivation and the details of SCC strategies for children and young people to give further context to the business plan and show continuing the need to continue to deliver the present services.

There was a general discussion about continuing to publicise TOSCA's efforts to save the building in the local media so the issue is not forgotten. There had been an article on Thursday 22nd January in the Burton Mail. Arthur Tipper would also include something in 'Grapevine' which appears in the Burton Mail. Even though the decision to sell the building has been made, it is still necessary to show how unpopular the decision is.

The business plan would be revised as discussed.

Jane reminded the meeting that a letter to the Chief Executive to formally ask for a community asset transfer had been agreed upon at an earlier meeting but had not yet been done. It was agreed that such a letter should now be addressed to Ron Hilton, Chief Executive, with copies to Janet Dean MP, Councillor Bob Fraser and Tutbury Parish Council. Councillor Fraser would deliver the letter personally to Ron Hilton, with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss its contents. Joanna would draft the letter as soon as possible.

There was also a query about a contact at SCC, supplied by VAST, who dealt with community assets. The details were given by Joanna to Councillor Fraser at the Parish Meeting. Councillor Fraser would follow this up; Joanna would check her e-mails for the contact details.

Review of Independent Survey/Valuation

Joanna read the independent market survey and valuation prepared by Graeme Perry. It was also beamed onto the wall,

After some discussion, it was generally accepted that the survey was comprehensive for market purposes and would inform any offer TOSCA might make to SCC Youth Service to purchase the building.

Event on Saturday 7th March 2009

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It had been agreed at the last meeting to hold a family fun evening at Tutbury Old School, to include a skittle alley borrowed from Tutbury Institute.

If TOSCA wanted to sell alcoholic drinks, it would need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice. It was decided that it would not be necessary to do this, as it was a family event and soft drinks would be fine. Adults could bring their own drinks with them if they wished to.

Joanna would do a poster and Jill Page was asked to publicise the event at Tutbury Pre-school.

Bill Crossley suggested that it would be good to display the plans of the old school and maybe some photos. He might be able to find something at the Magic Attic and perhaps TOSCA could borrow some photos from Tutbury Museum. Councillor Fraser would ask his wife, who works at the Museum of Childhood at Sudbury, if TOSCA could borrow some items from the museum for the display. There might also be material from 'On The Edge' featuring 3 local villages, including Tutbury.

Di Needham was to ask members of Tutbury Youth Club if they would organise the raffle, but as she had already left the meeting to attend another meeting, the response to this request would have to wait until the next meeting.

Correspondence

Copy of a letter from Janet Dean MP to Tutbury Parish Council offering support to TOSCA

Survey/valuation report from Graeme Perry

Any Other Business

Joanna showed the revised TOSCA letterhead to the meeting, in response to Councillor Fraser's enquiry.

Councillor Fraser offered to acquire a website address for TOSCA, having sourced a suitable one. This was accepted with thanks.

Date of next meeting

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The date of the next meeting is Monday 23rd February 2009 to be held at Tutbury Institute, High Street, Tutbury at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.