

Tutbury Old School Community Association

Minutes of a meeting of Tutbury Old School Community Association held on Monday 23rd February 2009 at the Tutbury Institute, High Street, Tutbury at 7.30 pm

Present

Joanna Woodberry, Jane Taylor, Julie Roberts, Nici Staddon, Jill Page, Malcolm Wardle, John Roots, Ian Potts, Sue Adams, Pat Harvey, Councillor Bob Fraser, Bill Crossley, Arthur Tipper, Dave Kennedy, Tim Spencer Smith and Pete Steadman.

Apologies

Trevor Hathaway, Liz Staples, Duncan Austin, Malcolm Watson and Di Needham.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th January 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Report from Councillor Bob Fraser

Councillor Bob Fraser reported that he had hand-delivered the letter which formally requests a community asset transfer to Ron Hilton, Chief Executive of Staffs County Council, but although they had talked for about 45 minutes, he was unable to report anything as yet. Councillor Fraser did mention that a response was still awaited from Peter Traves to a previous letter; a response should now be made. Peter Traves has had a copy of the letter requesting the community asset transfer.

Joanna Woodberry read out the letter at this point, written as decided at the last meeting of TOSCA.

The letter was also sent to Janet Dean MP, who had responded promptly and had enclosed a copy of the letter she herself had sent to Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to ask for advice on how a community asset transfer might be achieved in TOSCA's particular case. A copy of the community asset transfer letter was also sent to Hazel Blears.

Councillor Fraser agreed to ask for confirmation of receipt of the letter in writing.

Business Plan

The business plan has not been updated since the last meeting.

The surveyor has been paid.

Deb Bacon has sent a copy of a C&LP business plan. It is useful for the format, though the purposes are different.

Some more letters of support are needed to add to the business plan. Tutbury Pre-school have already sent one and another has been offered by Deb Bacon.

Event on Saturday 7th March – Family Fun Night 6 -9 pm

Bill Crossley has been doing further research on the school. He has Mr Pye's book about the school. He passed around some photos which he had printed onto A4 from a disc from Tutbury Museum.

Joanna has done a poster advertising the 'Family Fun Night', which could also be used in A5 for book bags at pre-school and school, and for the scout group. It was suggested that the poster was amended to add a request for any old photos and items connected with the old school and also mentioned naming the children on the old photos Bill has.

Jane Taylor will ask Chris Ford if she has anything connected with the school which could be borrowed.

Mrs Sue Fraser, who works at Sudbury (National Museum of Childhood), may be able to lend some items for the display.

Jane Taylor can borrow some slates and slate pencils from Tutbury Museum.

Dave Kennedy had some exercises of Victorian handwriting for 8/9 year olds which we could use. Dave agreed to man this. Tutbury Museum also has an 'arithmetic tool box' with lots of exercises on cards which could be photocopied. Victorian fancy dress should also be encouraged.

Pete Steadman & Tim Spencer Smith will make sure the skittle alley is in working order and will man it.

Joanna agreed to write some rules for a beetle drive.

Sue Adams volunteered to organise the refreshments; tea, coffee and squash. Donations of cakes & biscuits were requested from pre-school and the scout group.

The scouts may do a barbecue.

Jane Taylor will contact Nestle to ask for a hamper for the raffle. Nici Staddon would get contact details for Butlins. Julie Robert suggested Twycross Zoo would be worth writing to.

Nici has bagatelle which can be used for another game.

Trudy Kennedy was volunteered by Dave to do the raffle.

Joanna will ask Jo Thorp if she has any fancy dress items we could borrow.

Jane will man the table football.

Cups and saucers may be borrowed from the village hall but Pete also offered some polystyrene cups so that may not be necessary.

It was agreed that the old school be open from 4 pm to get ready. Joanna will double check with Grange Street that they have the TOSCA booking.

Correspondence

Letter from Janet Dean MP, with copy of letter to Hazel Blears

Letter from Tutbury Pre-school

Letter from CTB Works (websites for charities)

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Any Other Business

Arthur Tipper has agreed to report on the meeting to Katie Bowler, Burton Mail. Katie recently wrote a piece entitled 'Let us have it....' about TOSCA.

Arthur is concerned about the future of the car park on Cornmill Lane and wants to do something to let people know that it may be sold. TOSCA needs to concentrate on the old school but this doesn't mean that something can't be done independently. Arthur and Dave may do some leaflets for shopkeepers to give out. It is also something the parish council could get involved with.

Bill raised the subject of listed buildings. He has done some research, and believes there is a case for applying for the old school to be listed. It has architectural merit and there is the historical connection with Richard Wakefield's bequest. It was agreed that TOSCA would have no objection to the subject of listing the building being put on the parish council agenda.

Jill Page asked if there was a deadline for a response to the letter requesting the community asset transfer; Councillor Fraser will be pursuing this matter.

Arthur will ask the Burton Mail to publicise the event and may be ask for a photographer to cover it.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 26th March 2009 to be held at Tutbury Institute, High Street, Tutbury at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm