

Wythall Together

Minutes of the meeting of Trustees held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Present: Sue Baxter, Stephen Peters, Chris Turner, Alyson Williams, Pat Harrison

1. Apologies for Absence: Kathy Kirk
2. The minutes of the meeting of 3rd September were approved
3. Matters arising from the minutes

A link to the Wythall Together minutes from the parish council's website to be followed up by CT

Cllr June Griffiths has declined to contribute from her divisional fund

At the public consultation the majority of the public were in favour of the relocation of the library although there was some criticism at the lack of publicity around the consultation
4. Financial report.

Cllr Peters reported that the opening balance had been transferred from the Community Trust account. He will make sure that the two budgets for the library and the Dial-A-Ride are kept separate. For the library, grants had been received from WCC (£6000); also £600 compensation from Lloyds bank for poor service. Costs for the library at the moment were for Insurance (£437.16) and Legal costs (£3000)

The Dial –A-Ride had received a WCC grant of £850 for publicity and had incurred operating costs to date of £184 and advertising of £658.08 this included advertising for the side of the bus as well as flyers.

Advice from Sue Fry from The Changing Futures fund on setting up costs, accounting procedures and financial sustainability will be looked at in the future.
5. Library Progress

The library lease had not yet been agreed. Clarifications were needed by the WT solicitors on: The Internal services, repairs and decorations (building to be surveyed for a condition report), an option to terminate the lease after 6 months instead of 12, clarification of responsibility for contributions for access, removal of the obligation to maintain the building in the last 6 months of the lease. The Parish Council are still not sure whether they will be asked to contribute financially to the building costs for the new library. They have had a letter asking for the fitting out costs but for the moment have sent a holding letter. Pat Harrison reported that the new library would not be ready until December 2015.

Alyson said that the fittings for the public side of the building and school side were planned to match.
6. Dial-A-Ride

The bill has been received for the first month of operations this came to £184 (including telephone line installation and phone rental). Twenty four journeys per day were needed to pay for the transport. There were now 127 registered passengers. A breakdown of the day's trips had been made available from the bus company. Private arrangements amongst passengers and the bus company had enable trips to Asda, Nottcuts, Redditch and Solihull to take place. A future survey of passengers is planned so we can see if some other days of the week would be more popular. Chris Turner will ask customers to encourage passengers for written feedback which will go to Cllr Peters and also place a free advert in the Wythall Directory. New flyers are to be taken down to the library .CT

7. New Trustees.

An expression of interest had been received and Cllr Baxter had sent out a recruitment pack which will be followed up with an interview. We are still looking for trustees and will contact BARN to see if they will display our advert on their web site.

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8. AOB

Sue Fry had come to offer advice on Financial Sustainability at a training session on 2nd December. One of the ideas which came out of the meeting was the possibility of setting up a charity shop with other charities. **Cllr Baxter** agreed to float the idea on the Only Way is Wythall and Hollywood web site and to see if we can have our own identity on the site.

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Signed (Chairperson) Date