

## Wythall Together

### Minutes of the meeting of Trustees held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm Wythall Library

Present: Pat Harrison, Stephen Peters, Kathy Kirk, Greg Hurst, Alyson Williams, Sue Baxter, Chris Turner

**1. Apologies.** Apologies received from Sarah Wakeman

**2. The minutes** from 3<sup>rd</sup> December were approved

**3. Matters arising.**

PH questioned whether a link to the minutes from the Parish Council website had been made, CT said they had.

**4. Finances**

SP had Emailed a copy of our finances so far. We had received £1000 from WCC for the next twelve months and £1660 from the two district councillors which we would continue to use to pay for the Dial-A-Ride service. D-A-R service has cost the following: Nov £22, Dec £38, Jan £56, Feb £72. We have still to pay the solicitor for work done on the lease of the library.

**5. Trustee interview.**

Since the last meeting two new trustees had been appointed Greg Hurst and Sarah Wakeman, we are waiting to hear from Antonia Furmston who was interviewed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Since the meeting Antonia has agreed to become our sixth trustee. All of the trustees bring valuable new skills to the Trust.

**6. Library lease.**

WT have told our solicitors to go ahead with the exchange agreements re the library lease. KK and SB will both chase up solicitors to get the matter sorted. KK reported that the contact in property services is now John Vaughan.

**7. Progress on the library building.**

AW reported that the library layout has been decided, apart from the office as they are not sure whether the Children's Centre will also be located at Woodrush. There has been some exchange of staff as they try to build up a relationship. Further questions are to be answered at a Parish Council meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Worcestershire CC have sent Woodrush a draft head of terms regarding the library. Woodrush have asked for the money raised from the sale of the building to be with them by May. The County Council have made an approach to the Parish Council for funding for the fittings for the library. The Parish Council have asked Woodrush for guidance on public accessibility and rates of room hire, Faye Parker is looking into this and Pat Harrison will invite her to the 17<sup>th</sup> March meeting. Once the library is opened WT are unsure what their involvement will be but KK would like some public involvement to remain.

The school and County are working to bring the IT systems together. The handover of the building is planned for October and Alyson will consult with her staff on how we can celebrate the occasion.

### **8. Community data base**

GH had compiled a list of local groups who we may at some time want to work with which he will keep up to date, any errors and omissions are to be sent to Greg. A copy will be kept at the library and the PC offices and AW will ask a library volunteer to ring round and check contact details.

### **9. Dial- A- Ride**

SP and GH are to meet with Jim McGuire to formulate the next twelve months operation. We would consider paying more per hour and sharing the risk and benefit. We are waiting for a list of customer names so we can find out why some people have registered for the service but have never used it and which other days may prove popular we also need a publicity drive for new members. SW has designed a draft leaflet which now needs trustee input. We may approach Alvechurch to see if they are interested in a D-A-R service, KK suggested we could see if their village magazine would run an article about the service to gauge interest.

### **10. Results from the training morning**

The overall aim of Wythall Together is to enable the people of Wythall and Hollywood to live a better life and feel part of the community.

The Business Plan looked over a five year period with some of the ideas being:

- a) year one explore extending the D-A-R service and taking on the library building
- b) year two explore the possibilities of building a new community centre
- c) year three fundraising for a new community centre
- d) year four run community training
- e) year five explore establishing a charity shop

KK suggested that we might like to add a village magazine to the business plan on the Alvechurch model or to support the Village magazine in Wythall while it can become established with commercial support.

The trustees will flesh out the business plan by Email

**11. AOB** SB will reply to the Governance Forum regarding Sue Fry's invoice for training

**12. Dates for the next meetings June 4<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the library at 2.00pm**

Wythall Together Charity No 1157087

Signed ..... (Chairperson) ..... Date