

## **DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

##### **Present**

Bill Hullah, Tony Stell, P.C.Mark Clough, Mark Burgin, Sue Lund, David Shipp, Mike Buckley, Keith Begley, Alastair Watts, Graham Griffiths, Phillida Shipp, John Martindale, Gillian Clark, Joanne Leighton.

##### **Apologies for absence**

Ken Hulme, Joan Lally, David Harrison, who is in hospital. Mike Buckley to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to him.

##### **Minutes of the meeting held on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Page 1, third paragraph, instead of 'perhaps re-open the entrance by the Rose and Crown?' should read 'The entrance by the Rose and Crown should remain as it is'. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

##### **Matters Arising**

###### **Methodist car Park**

Phillida said that she had spoken to Alan Bradley about this. He said that the Methodists had not renewed the contract with OMBC because OMBC said that they wanted to subcontract the running of car parks and this could result in charges being introduced. The Methodists were not prepared to sign a lease under these circumstances. At the moment they are undertaking a mapping exercise looking at their assets and liabilities. They need to find out what their liabilities are for the car park and get an estimate for repairs and maintenance. They want the car park to be used for the benefit of the community and are looking at ways of doing this. Phillida understood that Alan was due to have a meeting with the Methodist Church Council in January to discuss the issue, but she did not know the outcome of this meeting.

**Action: P.Shipp**

##### **Reports**

###### **Playground**

Zoe Tindall was unable to attend to report on the new play area at Swan Meadow. She will attend our next meeting.

###### **Police**

Mark Clough said that in Saddleworth North there were 37 fewer serious crimes in 2009 than in 2008. However there had been 4 burglaries in January 2010, and he asked everyone to be extra vigilant. He said that some people were parking on the pavement along Millgate blocking it for pedestrians. He asked Millgate Arts Centre to request their audience members to park considerately.

**Action: D.Shipp**

D.Shipp pointed out that Millgate car park is used for 57 nights a year for theatre events and thought that better maintenance would provide more parking space. Mark Clough suggested that the car park could be a place for a community clean up using Community Payback.

**Action: P.Shipp.**

T.Stell observed that workers at the Raspin Mill now used the car park as their previous car park had been built on.

###### **Red Telephone Boxes**

Mike Buckley reported that the Parish Council had decided to adopt the one at Heights and one in Diggle. For each box they would have to pay £50 a year for electricity or £500 to have it taken out. They would also apply to the District partnership for money to refurbish each box, this would come to about 1K for each one. He suggested that DCA should talk to Michael Fancy about new uses for the box at Heights.

**Action P.Shipp**

The Parish Council would have to decide if they wanted to continue to sponsor the box at Friarmere Rd. If not they would probably decide to adopt it.

**Treasurers Report: Joanne Leighton**

**Bank balances**

£5,347

**Income since last meeting   £**

Donations	810
Theatre event	401
Book sales	75
Interest	1

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1,287

**Expenses**

Electric and gas	207
Water	28
Phone and security	174
Windows	25
Business rates	108
Internet costs	65

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608

Surplus for period

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679  
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**Points to note**

1. Substantial private donations have been received in the period. Thanks to all concerned. It will be possible to claim gift relief at 28% on a significant portion of these donations – these amounts have not accrued at this stage.
2. Fraudulent direct debits as reported at the last meeting have been refunded this period. There have been no unauthorised withdrawals since the last meeting. I have heard nothing more from the Nat West fraud department. These amounts have been excluded above.
3. We are disputing some invoices that we have from British gas for standing charges on a redundant electricity meter in the library. Phillida is dealing with OMBC re settlement of these invoices.
4. The theatre event was very successful despite all the tickets not being sold. The event raised £401. Thanks to all involved
5. Need to continue to fund raise as we are currently spending more than we are obtaining in donations and running costs of the library are estimated to be £3,000 per annum.
6. If anyone knows someone who would be willing to take over the Treasurer role please could they let me know as I am struggling to find time to deal with matters. I will not put myself up for re-election at this year's AGM.

**Fund Raising**

**Band Concert**

Ken Hulme sent the message that he did not think a fund-raising concert with just the Delph Youth Band was a serious proposition. He was trying to think of something stronger that could include the Youth Band.

**Action Ken Hulme**

### **Scarecrow Trail**

Sue Lund brought a trail brochure to the meeting that was used 2 years ago. Discussion followed on how to make more money from brochure sales. This included the possibility of using thinner paper for the inside and getting more advertisements. Keith Begley gave Sue the names of some local companies she could approach who might advertise in the brochure. **Action Sue Lund**  
David Shipp wondered if a new drive for Friends of Delph Library was needed but Joanne thought that we have a generous flow of donations.

### **Library**

Phillida said that the library had two new computers, and a self-service machine that is connected to the Oldham Library network. However there are no fines on books borrowed from Delph Library.

### **Chapel Gardens**

Mike Buckley said that they hoped to get work done on the trees and the gravestones this financial year. This would cost 4-5K. They had applied to the District Partnership and to LEADER for funds.

### **Independent Chapel**

Ken Hulme is planning another clean up in the near future.

### **Saddleworth Voices**

Gill Clark said that there was a team of about 10 volunteers who have received some training from the North West Sound Archives staff. They have interviewed and recorded local people's memories. These recordings can be borrowed from Delph Library.

### **Wake up Delph**

Keith Begley said that they were reducing the amount of work partly because he will be Chair of the Parish Council from May this year. They planned to reduce the number of hanging baskets but improve the quality. He has managed to get someone to put up and take down the Christmas Lights. They only have to raise funds to cover the maintenance of the lights now and the Party in the Park will do this. The Christmas dinner and the street fair would be dropped. Keith wondered if the Community Association might like to take over the street fair. He would be willing to advise. **Action G.Clark**

Bill Hullah proposed a vote of thanks to Keith for all the hard work he has done to make Delph much prettier. This was seconded by Gill and passed unanimously.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Millgate Centre bar Lounge.**