

## Minutes of the Slip End & District Community Projects Group meeting held at The Plough, Woodside Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Present:** Paul Cooper – Chairman, Sarah Minnighan – Vice Chairman (Core), Andy Prothero (Core), Peter Smith, Derek Worsley, Gordon Burton, Ken Crossett (CORE), Carol Brennan – Treasurer (Core), Carolyn Martin (BADRA)

**Apologies:** David Kingston, Pam King, Shirley Knapton, Veronica Williams

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed.

### Declarations of Interest

In relation to the grant applications: Sarah Minnighan & Pete Smith – Slip End Playing Fields Committee, Pete Smith – Tennis Club, Carolyn Martin - BADRA

### Finance

Carol advised we have over £14,000 in the bank. Part of this amount is held in place for the execution of the Parish Plan and we need a contingency fund for potential disasters within the parish.

### Youth Club

Paul and Sarah confirmed the Youth club is now officially closed. Carol raised the final wage cheques including redundancy payments which she and Paul signed. Sarah will deliver them to the staff. (SM)

### Beds RCC Membership

Sarah received details of our membership renewal for Beds RCC. She confirmed that they cover us for CRB checks, the Community Transport Brokerage Scheme, training, reduced fees for Cardington Hall hire and a Village Hall Advisory Service for £25 for the year. It was agreed to pay the membership and renew for another 12 months. Sarah will complete the paperwork and give to Carol for payment. (SM/CB)

### Grant Applications for Not-For-Profit Groups

Paul went through the applications received by us from the various groups within the parish:

Aley Green Methodist Church requested £65.00 for two large stock pots. The Frog & Rhubarb have purchased these pots for the church and donated them to them free of charge. Sarah also advised that she has donated two 3.5 litre chafing dishes to the church and will deliver them this weekend.

Slip End Toddler Group requested £150 to enable them to purchase some new toys for the under 1's. Last year we gave them £200. It was agreed to give them £150.

Slip End Playgroup requested £150 to enable them to buy equipment for the garden area. They have several fundraising events going on to raise funds themselves and CPG have already paid for a supplied and installed railway sleepers and raised areas for the children to garden and grow things in. Central Beds paid for the new fencing. It was agreed to give them £150.

The Brownies requested £70 to be able to buy a flip chart and pens. Last year we gave them £400. Pete Smith said he might be able to get a flip chart from school for them for free. Paul said that would be good. It was agreed to give them the requested £70 anyway. Pete

Smith has subsequently confirmed he has a flip chart for the Brownies and will deliver it to them.

Slip End Scout Group (encompassing Cubs and Beavers) requested £400 for craft materials, camping equipment and camping tables. Sarah advised that there are some craft items left at Youth Club which she felt could be donated to the Scouts to be used up rather than left in the cupboard. She will deliver these to them. The Scouts had a stall at Village Day to raise their own funds and CPG donated the games we purchased for them to use to them. It was agreed to give them £400.

BADRA requested £100 for a coach trip. It was agreed to give them £100

The Chatty Club requested £300 to put towards some social outings and bus hire. They are raising their own funds by running raffles and selling crafts. Last year we gave them £300. It was agreed to give them £300.

The Friendship Club requested £200 to put towards outings and coach hire. Last year we gave them £300. It was agreed to give them £300.

SEADA requested £300 to put towards their senior citizens outing. Last year we gave them £300. It was agreed to give them £300.

Carpet Bowls submitted an application asking for any amount that we could spare to put towards their Christmas meal. It was agreed to give them £150.

Slip End United Football Team requested £400 for a new line marker machine as theirs is 20 years old, severely corroded and the wheels don't move on it. They have been fundraising for their trip to Carrow Road, the Norwich City ground, in May where they have the opportunity to play. They had a stall at Village Day which raised them £55. They have had £400 from CPG previously to pay the other half of the cost of new goals and nets which was awarded in a grant from the Football Foundation. They organised new kit themselves and Sarah organised sponsorship via Fantastic Fireworks. It was agreed to give them £400.

Slip End Tennis Club requested £1000 for the final payment for the installation of floodlights to the court area. The club has the VAT and parts covered but they need the bulk of the money. The cost for new lights is £18,000 – this is a cheaper option. This will enable them to keep the court open for longer throughout the year, to keep coaching available for longer periods throughout the year, to encourage new users and potentially hire the courts out to other clubs in the local area who cannot have floodlights installed, therefore potentially increasing the clubs finances. They hold their own quiz nights to raise funds and the members all pay subs for membership but this just covers the playing fields hire and LTA membership. This will be the only grant the club applies for – they won't need any further grants for 5 years. It was agreed to give them £1000.

Playing Fields Management Committee requested £2000 to pay for skip hire (£600) to enable the management committee and other volunteers to clear the left over rubble and paving slabs left outside the hall from quite some time ago. The aim is to tidy the entrance area up and hopefully make the hall look nicer and help to increase bookings by its presentation. The remaining £1400 to be held in their account for running costs which have unfortunately increased severely since a flood last year brought down ceilings and resulted in the insurance premium going up substantially. The committee have painted the inside of the hall to brighten it up and have been carrying out maintenance work themselves to keep costs down, and they have increased advertising to make the facilities more known to the parishioners. It was agreed to give them £2000.

Total grant donations: £5,320.00

### Christmas Biscuits

Sarah confirmed that the Digital Switch Over letters had been done and will be delivered with each tin of biscuits. Also she confirmed that the CPG received donations from the following businesses and wished to thank them for their very kind donations:

Mignonette Bridal – Jane Aston  
J & P Scaffolding – Phil Johnson  
Neville Funeral Services, Luton  
Slip End Citroen Garage  
The Small Job Company – Paul Goodaker  
Furniture Medic – Paul Goodaker  
The Plough – Doug Hay

With thanks to the following volunteers for delivering the biscuits:

Pam Cull and Carolyn Martin and Veronica Williams - Pepperstock  
Gordon Burton - Front Street  
Brian Church - Summer St, The Oaks, New St, Church Road  
Steve Fuell - Crawley Close  
Sarah Minnighan - Markyate Road, St Andrews Close, Rossway, Little Meadow Park Homes  
Pete Smith – Claydown Way  
Andy Prothero – Woodside  
Andy Prothero & Ken Crossett – The Grove Park Homes  
Paul Cooper – Woodside Nursing Home

#### Any Other Business

Sarah advised that we were invited to renew our membership of Voluntary and Community Action which provides us with our grant opportunity details for £20 per year – it was agreed that we should renew this membership. Sarah will complete the paperwork and give it to Carol for payment. (SM/CB)

There being no other business the Chairman confirmed that the **next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at The Frog & Rhubarb** for which the Chairman gave his apologies in advance, and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.