

MINUTES OF BRATTON CLOVELLY SCHOOL ROOM COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 27 MAY 2009

PRESENT: M Jordan, D Beck, P Worth, R Phillips, G Barrett, J Dowell, E Peters

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: B Pond, S Ogborne

The minutes of meeting held on 4 March 2009 were agreed and signed - will be circulated to website. Draft minutes of the AGM held on 28 April 2009 were handed to committee members.

Matters arising:

Election of officers -

Chair: David Beck (Judi Dowell proposed, Philip Worth seconded)  
Vice chair: Richard Phillips (Eileen Peters proposed, Mary Jordan seconded)  
Joint Treasurers: Mary Jordan/Judi Dowell (Philip Worth proposed, David Beck seconded)  
Secretary: Eileen Peters (David Beck proposed, Judi Dowell seconded)  
Committee members: Philip Worth, Geoff Barrett, Bob Pond, Sue Ogborne

David expressed gratitude to Julia Moysey for all her enthusiasm and hard work in the past and her continuing interest and support for the project. David also welcomed Geoff Barrett to the committee and invited him to become a Trustee. Geoff accepted, David will organise the necessary paperwork. Geoff agreed to continue liaison between PH and SR.

Grant funding - David advised that HLF offer of £46.5K has been received, subject to obtaining match funding of £30K. David has submitted a further application to CCD for £30K and early indications are looking favourable that this will be approved. David has also made and initial submission to Biffa for a grant of £30K and has written to Geoffrey Cox MP to explain our project and to gain his support.

The urgency to start the project as soon as possible to safeguard the grants which have been offered was discussed. Richard agreed to contact the Architects to see if any recent changes to the Building Regulations will require resubmission of this application and the possible effect on the builders quotes. Richard also requires up to date schedule of grants offered, pledges received and funds currently banked - David and Eileen will assist.

A4A was submitted by the WI but was returned, requiring further signed agreement to WI constitution, with the recommendation to resubmit to their new scheme. The conditions of the new scheme will not allow an application for funding for structural work to a property not owned or leased by the applicant. Therefore it will be necessary for the School Room committee to apply for this funding at a later date. The application forms were handed to David for his consideration.

Grassroots £500 was spent on a printer, a scanner, paper and cartridges, travelling costs to HLF workshops and room hire. The Grassroots evaluation form, receipts, etc. have been sent together with a note of our appreciation of their assistance - Mary has copies for her accounting records.

Action by:

DB  
GB

RP/DB/EP

David and Philip are organising a press release which, with HLF approval, will announce the receipt of their offer. David advised that HLF were very impressed by the standard of our application and would like to use us as a model once we have started on the project. Information regarding HLF monitoring workshops to assist with completion of documents as work proceeds were discussed and it was agreed that a representative would attend a workshop at a later date.

Mary reported the current financial position. Total cash in the bank £10,750 which includes £9K Bond. Solicitors fees of £2501 for Michlemores (Church) and £991 for Dawson (SR) have been paid. The £250 donation promised by Bratton Clovelly Parish Council is now to be requested. Eileen will write to claim this. It was agreed that pledges we have received would be claimed once work has started.

EP

Parish Hall - Geoff reported that proposals for a wind turbine would not now go ahead. Grant applications for pv panels (sufficient to make a small profit), pellet burner and radiators were being submitted. A grant offer of £38K towards the cost of pv panels has been received. Geoff, in his capacity as liaison officer, had advised Graham England, Parish Hall chairman, that the School Room were applying to CCD and HLF therefore it might be prudent for the PH to seek alternative funders. David updated PH chairman on SR bids to CCD and advised on other funders.

AOB - Richard asked the committee to consider the possibility of using solar panels (black panels similar in appearance to slates) to supplement the electricity costs for the heating. A feasibility study will be carried out.

RP

David discussed the necessity for the SR lease to be vested with the Charity Commission, the cost for which would be approx £480 plus Land Registry fee £40. It was agreed this should be organised in due course.

DB

Bob Pond was congratulated on becoming chairman of the Bratton Clovelly Parish Council.

A 'Drop in on the Community Buildings Team' is being held at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall on Thursday 9 July 2009 - it is hoped representatives of the School Room committee will be able to attend.

Future fund raising events - Proposed date for BBQ 26 July from 5pm in village square, similar arrangements to previous years.

A second wine tasting evening in October, possibly using a larger venue, Mary to ask Oliver Tullett for possible dates.

A Safari Supper - suggested date 12 September.

Antiques Roadshow - David will contact local auctioneer to assess feasibility and possible dates.

The next meeting will be 24 June 7.30pm at Mary's.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm