

# MINUTES OF THE ARKENDALE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE MEETING WED. 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2007 AT

## 7.30 PM IN THE OLD POST OFFICE

### Present:

Alan Stokes (Chairman)	AS
Jean Cox (Treasurer)	JC
Brian Shipman	BS
Jean Stokes	JS
Jane Nichols	JN
Claire Hollis	CHo
Caroline Houseman	CH

### 1. Apologies For Absence

P. Thorndyke, R. Hodder and T Everts sent their apologies.

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2007

The minutes were unanimously accepted as being a true and correct record and, therefore, were signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising

It was noted that Dr Watson (Coneythorpe) required a mandate from the committee to approach local residents and ask for contributions to the committee's funds. PT was asked to send him a note.

**ACTION: PT**

### 4. Correspondence

4.1 A letter from HBC about a consultation exercise being undertaken on their licensing policy. PT was asked to respond stating that the cost of individual drinks licenses were very expensive for small charities.

4.2 A letter from Punch Taverns stating that they could not see their way clear to allow a permanent right of way, via the Bluebell car park, into the new village hall.

4.3 A letter from the Big Lottery Fund apologising for the delay in responding to our application, but promising a response by December 2007.

### 5. Financial Report

JC reported that there was £1,633.88 in the current account and £12,000.00 in the deposit account. The annual insurance premium had been paid since the last meeting, as had the cost of the games hired for the Strawberry Fayre.

### 6. New Village Hall

Nothing to report.

### 7. Fundraising

#### Events:

The 'Auction of Promises' was set for Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at Loftus Hill. Letters about the event had been delivered to every household in Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Clareton.

CH agreed to approach activity centres etc as possible sources of items for auction, JC would approach local businesses and JN would approach supermarkets.

**ACTION: CH, JC, AND JN**

It was reported that an auctioneer had been booked, that seating would be in rows in order to accommodate more people, that we would produce our own catalogue, and that only drinks and crisps would be sold on the evening. It was decided that reminder flyers would be distributed at the beginning and end of October, and that catalogues would be sold door to door at the end of October.

Grants and other sources of funds:

(Para below based on written notes supplied by PT)

AS and PT had a meeting with Nina Muir at Harrogate CVS. She confirmed that it was pointless re - applying to Awards for All because they had changed their criteria in this region and we simply don't qualify. She also advised us to be selective – only apply to grant givers where we met the criteria closely.

She provided an updated list of potential grantees. She had contacted WREN and BIFFA and they had both indicated that we could use our own funds for third party funding (PT said that he had since spoken to both and was not as confident. The ladies he spoke to used the words 'probably' and 'possibly'. PT felt that they simply don't know how the actual Board will react – but they will argue our case). PT said that he had drafted the WREN form and would put together the appendices required. The third party funding effectively requires a party (or parties) to be prepared to provide 11% of the amount applied for (£5,500) if and when the grant is awarded. Both WREN and BIFFA suggest that we should defer applying until we have received offers from elsewhere (chicken and egg!), because they do not like putting money into a pot which might not be filled. (Any offer they make is valid for 1 year, and obviously ties up their funds). PT proposed to proceed with WREN and hold BIFFA.

PT has applied to the Geo. A. Moore Foundation for help with demolition cost – no response as yet, and had spoken to the Co-operative Foundation – they will not put grants into a general fund, but will only fund specific items, so not really appropriate to our situation.

PT has reviewed the 'Yorkshire Aggregate Fund' – up to £20,000 is available but the project must be complete and paid for by early 2008 – PT believed that this was not a feasible proposition, but will come back to them if anything else is raised.

PT has completed the application form for the Garfield Weston Trust. They need a letter and some enclosures. This will be put together and submitted once the WREN application is complete.

PT said that if we could raise (say) £120,000 then we still had the possibility of the remainder being obtained via a loan, repayable through the parish precept, but this might meet with some opposition, and should be considered as a last resort.

8 Any Other Business

None

9 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th September, 7.30 pm at the Old Post Office.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....