

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 3RD 2007 AT 7.45pm IN ST. THOMAS' CHURCH HALL, DELPH.

PRESENT:

Graham Griffiths, Bill Hullah, Phillida Shipp, David Shipp, Ken Hulme, Gill Clark, Joan Lally, Mark Burgin, Paul Travis, Diane Gaunt, Sandra Risby, Alastair Watts, John Brocklehurst, Keith Begley, Joanne Leighton, Sue Lund, Jose Whitehead, M. Marsh, Ken Bennett, Alan Roughley.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the A.G.M.

APOLOGIES:

Derek Heffernan, Brian Allison (Co-op), David Harrison, Pam Preston, Jenny Begley, Pip Rigby (PTA).

The Chairman moved that the Minutes of the last Meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved.

There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Summary of results for year ended 30 June 2007.

Income	£5,646
Expenditure	<u>£3,501</u>
Surplus	<u>£2,145</u>

The Treasurer reported that she was claiming tax relief on gift aid.

Points on Expenditure:

The leaflet costs will be reduced next year as it is intended to use the Internet more and photocopy leaflets rather than have them printed professionally. Phillida reported that the book expenditure was mostly for large print books (which the Library considered desirable to purchase) but it is not anticipated spending this amount next year.

The detailed Accounts will be sent to the Charity Commission with the minutes of the A.G.M.

The Chairman thanked Bill Hullah and the present treasurer, Joanne Leighton, for their hard work. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

GENERAL REPORT

A General Report was circulated to the AGM - this is also on the Delph Website. and in the Library.

Brief summary of document as follows:

Scarecrow Trail during Saddleworth Festival was a great success.

Road works haven't been perfect but acknowledge that they are proceeding and will make a difference to the village.

Delph Library: an updated agreement between DCA and OMBC Department of Heritage, Libraries and Arts has recently been signed. Financial details, provision of books, statistics of books borrowed and usage of Library are available in the report. The Chairman acknowledged the tremendous amount of work done by volunteers but added that more workers are still needed.

Chapel Gardens: the acquisition of the Chapel Gardens by the Saddleworth Trust was a major development last year and the DCA anticipate being closely involved on the progress of ideas for development/conservation of the gardens.

Finance: A breakdown of the amount raised by fundraising events over the year was listed in the Report *Budget for 2007/08*. The treasurer estimates we need £3,200 to be viable for year 2007/08. The Chairman stated that we need to acknowledge the hard work done by everyone involved in fund raising.

Millgate Centre: David Shipp will report to meeting.

Communication: it is a constant struggle reaching people locally and getting their responses. The decision to move to an electronic communication basis through the Delph Website is being developed. The Chairman stated that we must all try to ensure that more people come to our meetings and they are made welcome.

Young People: it is important that the Youth Club continues and that youth workers are encouraged to work alongside these young people. It was reported that local youths are being intimidated by youths coming

from outside the village i.e. Sholver and Lees. Graham thought that it was a good idea for young people from different areas to meet each other: we should welcome these young people but hopefully try to encourage respect from them. It is an important balancing act - responsibilities and respect. It is planned to meet representatives of OMBC to continue to explore possibilities of an area where young people can meet informally and play ball games.

Joint Meeting with other local community associations/groups:

A new development is meeting with other local resident/community associations. There may be money available from the Government to further the aims of local Associations/groups. John Brocklehurst thought money would be available for different community oriented groups to be brought together in rural OMBC.

Saddlewoth Parish Council links will continue though a clear distinction has been drawn between the items of general DCA business and political developments to ensure clarity and that business is dealt with in the most appropriate way. All local Parish and Borough Councillors and the MP are informed of our meetings by the Secretary.

Charity Commission: Our Secretary will complete the various submissions to the Charity Commission after the AGM on behalf of the Association.

Additional thanks: it was proposed that additional thanks should be extended to Pam Preston and Diane Gaunt for all their hard work on behalf of DCA.

With this amendment the Report was adopted.

NOMINATIONS:

The following officers were duly elected:

Graham Griffiths	Chair
Phillida Shipp	Vice Chair
Gill Clark	Secretary
Joanne Leighton	Treasurer

(Graham informed the meeting that he is likely to stand as Chair for this year only, he will step down next year)

RESOLUTIONS:

The DCA wished to express its thanks to St. Thomas's Church and asked John Brocklehurst to convey our thanks to them. Gill will write a formal letter expressing our thanks.

It needs to be recorded in the AGM Minutes that the four newly elected officers are signatories at the bank. This motion was proposed, seconded and accepted by the DCA.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The date of next AGM was suggested for July 4th 2008. The Treasurer asked if this could be slightly later but within our time scale. It was proposed that we should give the Executive power to adjust the financial year as appropriate. This motion was voted on and agreed.

Graham thanked everyone for attending the AGM.