

## DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the Millgate Arts Centre.

**Present:** Alastair Watts, Tony Stell, David Shipp, Gillian Clark, Phillida Shipp, Joan Lally, John Martindale, Graham Griffiths, Maxine Martindale, Janet Reid, Bill Hullah.

**Apologies:** Ken Hulme, Sue Lund, Mike Clegg, Keith Begley, Mary McDonald Hall.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup> were accepted as a correct record. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

### **Matters Arising - not on Agenda:**

**Chapel Gardens:** - dissemination of information for DCA website (glossary of terms, which organisation owns what etc). This information was requested by Rod Lawson at the last DCA meeting).

**Action:** Mike Buckley to let Mike Clegg have this information please.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **Income:**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Donations     | 412.19         |
| Interest      | 0.43           |
| Gift Aid      | 286.32         |
| Misc Income   | 279.00         |
| Theatre Night | 663.83         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1641.77</b> |

#### **Expenditure:**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Gas            | 681.63         |
| Electricity    | 80.13          |
| Telephone      | 542.15         |
| Window Cleaner | 100.00         |
| IT             | 70.36          |
| Water          | 48.36          |
| Sundry Exp.    | 510.11         |
| Security       | 196.00         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2228.74</b> |

**Deficit 586.97**

The deficit of £586.97 is accounted for by the large gas and telephone bills. The BT telephone bill incorporates the alarm payments of 10 pence every time the alarm is switched on or off. A change of supplier from BT is now being looked into.

The high gas bill is mainly due to the library not being well insulated, the window area particularly. We are tied into our contract with the present supplier until May but we are searching for a cheaper supplier. We might be able to obtain a contract within the OMBC Gas Contract.

A discussion ensued covering the following points:

Tony - possibility of secondary glazing on windows.

Phillida - windows already have anti shatter coating. We are hoping for a new volunteer to act as building manager.

Janet - could we get a grant?

David - possibility of energy efficient grant for lighting/heating (as obtained for the auditorium).

Phillida - at the moment we are monitoring and recording our level of consumption. We need to ensure that the timer is working correctly and efficiently, and also see if we can get a better deal for our gas and electricity.

John Martindale thought the interest rate of 34 pence seemed very low for the period covered.

**Action:** Mike Clegg to clarify interest rates on this account with the possibility of opening new account with a better rate of interest.

Theatre Night: Phillida thanked everyone who helped to sell tickets and expressed a special thanks to Sue Lund and her catering team for providing an excellent supper.

### **Police Report:**

This report was submitted to Gillian Clark by PCSO Monica Seville after our meeting.

Crime figures for the Delph area are as follows (09/01/11 - 09/03/11)

Burglary other than Dwelling x 1 - offenders stole scrap metal from garage.

Burglary Dwelling x 3 - Huddersfield Road, Delph x 2 and Palin Wood Road. All day time breaks.

Theft from Motor Vehicle x 1 - Oldham Road, Delph.

Theft Others x 1 - Offenders steal copper cable.

We are also having a rise in young people causing annoyance in and around the area of Swan Meadow and church Street. Officers will be monitoring this and taking appropriate action over the next few weeks.

A leaflet advertising the Saddleworth West and Lees E Watch Scheme is available.

This is a scheme which involves a collation of e-mail addresses submitted to us by residents and businesses in order for the Police to provide monthly newsletters, general information and incidents in your immediate area that you should be aware of.

Available from Monica Seville, Uppermill Police Station - tel 0161 856 4525.

### **Churchill Playing Fields:**

A discussion ensued on the plans to alter Churchill Playing Fields with feedback from a meeting held last Monday by the Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership sub-committee. Janet thought there was a time issue involved in the decision making. The sub-committee claimed they had consulted with people involved but didn't consult with Saddleworth Runners. Tony said that the grounds need more aeration. Water does not drain away: rain comes down from Rush Hill and Carr Lane and because some culverts are blocked the ground gets saturated. Lack of maintenance is the problem - they used to have a special rotivator and re-roll the ground. Without a firm track the grass will be churned up should vehicles need access to the grounds.

Graham felt that as many different sports as possible should be considered and we should be as flexible as possible about different uses of the area.

It was decided that the DCA should make representation and ask the following questions:

- 1) Would the grant money spent on football pitches preclude any money being available for a running track later on.
- 2) If there is a time issue involved to use the grant could we ensure that a proper

space is made and maintained with money available for a proper running track, and if not could we look at the plans again.

3) Would those using the football pitch pay? Would this money go into a central pot or just for football.

4) Does this scheme involve any money for maintenance.

**Action:** Gill to write to Chair of Sub-Committee as soon as possible.

### **Traffic Report:**

John Martindale delivered the following report on the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee meeting held on 22 Feb 2011.

Gordon Anderson from Unity Partnership was in attendance. Unity Partnership is a partnership with OMBC and is responsible for (as far as transport and traffic is concerned) highways infrastructure, bridges and for the drainage and gulleys of most of the roads. They are the people involved with all the work on retaining walls that is noticeably in progress in Saddleworth at the moment. Gordon Anderson says that unfortunately the Trust has NO money this year. However, the Trust will look into the possibility of altering the lineage at the bottom of Grains/Stoneswood where it meets King Street, as previously proposed by Geoff Bayley. Gordon needs a list of accidents to add weight, especially anything serious. Accidents where the police are not called out are not recorded and therefore do not count as an accident. He also said that a 20mph limit in Delph is very unlikely as there is no funding and that, from his recent knowledge, it was difficult for traffic to go more than 20mph in Delph. John pointed out to him that, although this might be true for High Street and King Street, it certainly did not apply to all the roads that led into the village where the speed limit is broken by a high proportion of the traffic. The police said that they would look into it. Again, Gordon agreed that the signs on Denshaw Road leading to the bridge could be improved and that he would look at the situation. The new 30mph signs for Stoneswood Road have been ordered but it is not known when they will be delivered. We were told this at the last meeting as well!

### **Delph Diary:**

Sue Lund has put a notice in the Library but so far has not received any replies to her plea for assistance in getting the Diary started. Bill Hullah suggested extra copies of the notice could be placed in the Co-op and Post Office.

**Action:** Phillida to ask Sue to distribute more notices around the village.

Phillida suggested we should all think about friends or neighbours who might have a bit of spare time on their hands and would be willing to help. *After the Meeting a suggestion was made that we might incorporate a brief 'What's On in Delph' in the Minutes - at least to start things off. Ideas/comments at next meeting please.*

### **Fund Raising:**

The Scarecrow Trail will commence on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and end on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June: this will cover the Saddleworth Festival and Whit Friday. The completed forms to be handed in by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Sue has more people involved in making scarecrows this year, the theme being Songs from Musicals. Competition forms will cost £1.50 each. Prizes to be awarded for successful completion and also for the best Scarecrow.

### **Any Other Business:**

Library Report: Phillida reported that the Library now has a new photocopier which will do colour copies. A charge will be made of 50p per print (same as Oldham

Library charge). The ink cartridges are being supplied by Oldham. During the next financial year it is hoped to have a contribution from Oldham to help with the running costs and maybe a Library Assistant to help our volunteers.

It is also hoped to run a pilot scheme, using volunteers, to visit the housebound with the twofold aim of befriending and supplying books. Oldham Libraries will liaise with Age UK.

There will be a meeting for Library Volunteers on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Millgate Arts Centre to discuss these changes.

**Recipes:**

Several people commented on the interesting food served at the Theatre fund raising evening. Gill suggested we could gather a few recipes and sell them: two recipes for, say, £1.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.45pm. Venue TBA (St. Thomas' Church if Millgate Centre not available).

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.