

MINUTES OF THE UMBORNE INSTITUTE TRUSTEES

Meeting at the Hall

Tuesday 18 March 2008

Attended: Rob Summers (chairman), Geoff Elliott (secretary), Sue Gush (treasurer). Eleanor Wood, Chris Solway, John Pearce, Liz Gosling

Apologies: Kimmo Evans, Peter Rugg, Suzette Sprague and Paul Forster

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on 18 December 2007 were agreed and signed by the chairman

Matters Arising: RS reported the new constitution had been approved by the Community Council of Devon without amendment and it had now been passed to the Charities Commission. Once it had the commission's approval, it would be put to an extraordinary general meeting for ratification.

Sub-committee Reports:

Finance and General Purposes: SG reported that the general fund held £268, the building fund £300 and the Coif account £33,351. Profit from the entertainments evening was included in the building fund.

New Hall Development: RS reported that three applications for grants had been submitted. The first, to the Community Council of Devon for a matching grant of £3,000, had been rejected. We had been encouraged to apply again before 30 June for the next round. The outcome of two others was pending. One had gone to the Clothworkers' Foundation for £50,000. The other, also for £50,000, had been submitted to the Garfield Weston Trust.

There were other possibilities: £500 might be offered from the County Community Fund. We could apply for a loan, as discussed at the last meeting. There was another £50m in a new Big Lottery fund. It was agreed not to seek a loan until the grants position was clearer.

GE said we must learn our lessons from rejected submissions when we applied for other grants. RS said we should keep plugging away.

RS said that the cheapest prefabricated wooden building set the target at £104,000, though this included the £5,000 cost of plans already made. On top of this target figure came £15,000 for fittings.

Hall Maintenance: JP said there was a roof leak but he had not yet discovered its source. CS said the wind had blown down a fence and he had secured it with four stakes. He had also fixed a board above the door and refixed an external light.

Entertainments and Fund-raising: EW said the entertainments night had raised £302 and the Theme Night £700, a record. She extended thanks to all who had catered for both events.

The Ug was to be held on 11 May. The walk would begin at 10am and the run at 11am. There would also be a fun run. She thanked people who had marshalled for the Grizzly and appealed for marshals for the Ug.

On 22 June, the usual summer barbecue would be a bigger event. It would be held in a marquee erected for Ruhi and Andy's wedding. There would be a folk band and a hog or lamb roast.

The Steam-Up would take place at Liz and Tony Gosling's home on 19 July.

The meeting thanked Eleanor and husband Rick for all they were doing to entertain the valley and raise funds for the new hall.

Hall Bookings: GE said that apart from regular users only one booking had been made, this by Mrs Gillingham for a family event.

Any Other Business: GE reported that a meeting had taken place to plan a new website for the valley. It had been attended by Rick, Andy and Ruhi and Rodney, as well as himself. He had been asked to lead the project. The meeting had discussed design and content. Ruhi would shortly offer a design for discussion.

JP said that a hostess trolley was being offered by the sister of Pat Lambert who had recently died. The offer was accepted.

SG said that we had been asked to join the Devon Association of Community Buildings at £35 a year. She would find out what value we would get from it, given that we were already members of the Community Council of Devon at £18 a year.

Next Meeting: This would take place at the Hall on Tuesday 17 June at 7.30.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm