

East Rural Network

Minutes of a meeting of the East Rural Network held on Wednesday 26th November 2008
at 7:30 p.m. in the Rosins Country Hotel, Pickup Bank

Present

Cllr. J. Slater - Chair

Mrs. D. Dyer – Hoddlesden Resident

Mr. G. Wild – Pickup Bank Resident

Mrs. D. Hornby – Parochial Church Council

Mrs. T. McCluskey – Access Representative

Mr. B. Clarke – Millennium Green Trust

Apologies Mrs. P. Smith Mr. T. Birch

Officers Ms G. Kinloch - Blackburn with Darwen BC

1.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2008 were accepted as a correct record.

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 Old Saxon Road: More detailed costs are being worked up for this scheme.

3.0 Network Constitution

3.1 The group needs to be constituted if it is to be able to raise funds to implement projects. The draft document presented to members was agreed to be fit for purpose and adopted as the Network's constitution.

4.0 Secretary and Treasurer

4.1 As a constituted group the Network requires a Secretary and Treasurer in addition to a Chair. Mrs. McCluskey was nominated for the position of Treasurer and Mrs. Dyer to the position of Secretary. The nominations were unanimously agreed.

4.2 Ms Kinloch will continue to provide support to the Network. This will enable Mrs. Dyer to continue in her role as funding officer to the group.

Following their appointment the Secretary, Treasurer and Chair signed the constitution.

5.0 Bank Account

5.1 It was agreed Mrs. Dyer should make enquiries about opening a bank account for the Network. It was proposed and agreed that the Nat West Bank should be assessed first.

5.2 It was agreed that there should be 4 named signatories for the account. These are: Mrs. McCluskey, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Hornby and Mr. Clarke.

6.0 Projects

6.1 **Tram Shelter**: Further stone work is proposed resulting in a higher quote than was previously reported. Costs are now in the vicinity of £14,000. A bid for £4,000 has been submitted to the Grassroots fund administered by CVS. Clarification is being sought about the proposed donation from the Centenary Fund. As soon as the bank account is set up a bid will be made to Awards for All for the remainder. It was agreed that any contribution from the Centenary Fund should be retained for future maintenance works on the shelter.

It was noted that the shelter originally had a weather vane and that this feature should be replaced if more information could be obtained.

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6.2 **Local Walks:** Three of the walks have been developed and a fourth is being worked up by the Waterside Walking Group. A booklet has been drafted and is with sub-group members for comments. The booklet will run to more pages than anticipated and so additional funding is being sought. The West Pennine Moors have expressed an interest in the project and may be persuaded to assist. It was agreed a glossy finish would produce a more durable and professional booklet. A local person is to be asked to help with the final design and layout of the booklet.

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6.3 **Reservoir Fence:** United Utilities has given permission for the fence to be replaced, but would not be contributing to the costs. It was agreed the project should be progressed. Funding is currently available to use Groundwork to carry out works such as this and it was agreed further enquiries should be made.

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6.4 **Environmental Schemes:** It was agreed the following should be put forward for consideration for Environmental Rapid Response funding. If successful, the schemes will be implemented by Groundwork Pennine Lancs.

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- Replacement of reservoir fence
- Clean up around reservoir
- Repairs to dry stone walls on Long Hey Lane between the junction of Johnson New Road and Sunnyfield Lane
- Tidy up of triangle of land at junction of Johnson New Road and Long Hey Lane
- Help with the Pickup Bank quiet area project
- Village clean up in January/February 09

6.4 Land Ownership:

It has been confirmed that the tram shelter is not part of the former Vernon Carus estate. No further information is available about other parcels of land.

7.0 Members' Updates

ERYCA: The fire alarm system has been installed in the Centre and is operational.

Millennium Green: Carols on the Green will be held on Sunday 7th December at 6:30 p.m.

Access: A claim needs to be made to secure a route between Waterside and the reservoir. It was requested that the Network make the Submission. Councillor Slater will speak to the Rights of Way Officer about the process.

Church: The new vicar, the Reverend Terry Dyer, has taken up his post. He will not, however, be based in Hoddlesden.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 29th November 11am – 3pm.

Pickup Bank Project: Progressing slowly. Help from Groundwork was requested to move the project along.

8.0 Any Other Business

Britain in Bloom: It was agreed that interest in taking part in Britain in Bloom should be explored.

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Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Network will be held on **Wednesday 28th January 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Rosins Country Hotel, Pickup Bank**