

Minutes of an Informal Slip End & District Community Projects Core Committee meeting held at The Plough, Woodside on Tuesday 9th February 2010

Present: Paul Cooper – Chairman (Core), Sarah Minnighan (Core), Gordon Burton, Andy Prothero (Core), Derek Worsley, Peter Smith, Ken Crossett (Core), Veronica Williams, Brian Church

Apologies: Carol Brennan (Core), Carolyn Martin – BADRA, Steve Fuell, David Kingston,

It was agreed that this meeting would be an informal meeting as our 'Core Committee' of 5 were not present and we did not have our quorum of 10.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes were not agreed as there was not a quorum present.

Project Manager and Admin Person

Paul advised that he and Ken would look into this and bring the revised document along to the March meeting (KC/PC)

Carbon Footprint – Energy Savings Trust

Sarah advised that this was something that had been initiated by Michelle before she left, in a bid to get the parish more green. Steve Fuell, Sarah, Michelle and David Kingston had a meeting with Lisa Wakefield of the Energy Savings Trust (EST) back in November/December and since then Sarah has registered Slip End & District Community Projects Group on the EST website. The idea is for the residents of the parish to log onto the website and input their data in terms of energy they use, in order for the site to then produce details of our parish 'Carbon Footprint'. Steve, Sarah and David have a meeting with Lisa again on Friday 12th February 2010 to discuss the carbon footprint, and also to look into Steve's ideas for a wind turbine for the parish. This is in the very early stages at the moment. Sarah and Steve will have more information at the next meeting. (SF/SM)

Central Beds Bus Service Review

Ken reported at the last meeting that Central Beds Council are looking to save £140K on bus services in the parish. Paul reported that he and Sarah had visited the Chatty Club, the Friendship Club, Slip End And District Association (SEADA) and the Youth Club to discuss with them their requirements in terms of bus services within the parish. From this Paul produced a report outlining the bus services where it was felt that savings could or could not be made (appendix A). This report was read out and **it was agreed that this information could be submitted to the Parish Council as our report for them in turn to report to Central Beds.** Paul will send the report to the Parish Council. (PC)

Grant Letters

Paul confirmed that all the grant letters had been typed and would be delivered by tomorrow (Wednesday 10th February 2010). Sarah confirmed that she is in discussions with Stephen Inns of Slip End United Football Team with regard to a goalpost grant application and sponsorship for new kit. She will report on progress at the next meeting. (SM)
Peter Smith suggested something is set up on the website and/or in the Parish News asking groups within the Parish for items they may be looking for in a bid to assist them with their requests. His school disposes of various good quality items quite regularly (overhead projectors, chairs, desk etc) and it seems a shame that they are good quality and yet thrown

away when they could be passed on to some of the groups. Paul and Sarah will look into this. (PC/SM)

Voluntary and Community Action

Sarah reported that Nikki West had forwarded the membership renewal form for the Voluntary and Community Action group into her. It was felt by Parish Council that it would be more beneficial for the Community Projects Group to be a member. **Paul signed the renewal form.** Sarah will deliver it to Carol for a cheque to be raised and sent off. (SM)

Any Other Business

Quorum

Ken suggested dropping the quorum figure to 7 from 10 to avoid the situation we have had at the last three meetings where we haven't had our 'quorum' in place. Paul advised that our 'Core Committee' is only 5 so that would defeat the object. **It was agreed to keep the quorum at 10.**

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

Paul advised that the Parish News has printed the wrong venues for the Community Projects Group Meetings. Sarah said she would let David Kingston and Sue Briggs know. (SM)

Dates and venues for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Tuesday 9th March 2010 at The Ruchi Indian Restaurant, Woodside
Tuesday 13th April 2010 at The Frog & Rhubarb, Slip End
Tuesday 11th May 2010 at The Slip End Social Club
Tuesday 8th June 2010 at The Rising Sun, Slip End
Tuesday 13th July 2010 at The Plough, Woodside
Tuesday 10th August 2010 at The Ruchi Indian Restaurant, Woodside
Tuesday 14th September 2010 at The Frog & Rhubarb, Slip End
Tuesday 12th October 2010 at The Slip End Social Club
Tuesday 9th November 2010 at The Rising Sun, Slip End
Tuesday 14th December 2010 at The Plough, Woodside

Sarah will publish these on the website. (SM)

School Pin Board

Derek asked if we had any news on the school pin board that we agreed to purchase. Paul said he needed to confirm the purchase with Paula. Paul will update us at the next meeting. (PC)

Aims for The Next Meeting

Project Manager Job description (PC/KC)

There being no other business the Chairman confirmed the **next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th March 2010 at The Ruchi Indian Restaurant, Woodside** and the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Attached document:- **Appendix A – Bus Service Review**

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BUS SERVICE REVIEW - RESULTS

Red Rose **231**. Sunday & Bank Holiday

Dunstable, Caddington, Slip End, Luton

It is felt that this service could be reduced from every 2 hours to every 3 hours.

Extension of last Arriva bus no. **4** at 23:05. Monday - Saturday

Farley Hill to Slip End, Woodside and Caddington

We have found no indication that this service is required.

Red Rose **231**. Evening service. Thursday - Saturday

Dunstable, Caddington, Slip End, Luton

20:31 Luton – Dunstable

21:00 Dunstable – Luton

We have found no indication that this service is required.

Grant Palmer **202**. School Days

15:40 Manshead School to Harpenden

There is no requirement for this bus to stop at Manshead. It is however needed for transport back from the L&D

Centrebus **231**. Monday - Saturday

07:50 Luton – Dunstable via Manshead School (school days)

08:05 Luton – Dunstable (nonschool days)

15:40 Manshead School – Luton (school days)

15:40 Dunstable – Luton (non-school days)

18:15 Dunstable – Luton

08:20 Slip End – Dunstable (Saturdays)

18:10 Dunstable – Slip End (Saturdays)

These services are essential for the transport of people to and from work and school.

Centrebus **231**. Saturday

Diversion of 08:34 and 10:10 ex Dunstable via Pepperstock

Diversion of 11:40, 13:10 and 16:20 ex Luton via Pepperstock

This is the only bus service in Pepperstock on Saturday and is therefore essential.

Grant Palmer **202**. Monday – Friday

08:02 Aley Green to Harpenden

08:30 Harpenden to Dunstable

11:30 Dunstable to L&D

15:45 Dunstable to Harpenden (not school days)

17:10 Harpenden to Dunstable

This service is essential to residents as the only link to the L&D and directly to supermarkets.

A possible saving could be made by extending the 11:30 service ex Dunstable through to Harpenden and scrapping the 09:30 service ex Dunstable. Our consultation has indicated that this would provide a much more convenient service for hospital appointments and therefore is likely to get more use.

Grant Palmer **231**. Monday - Saturday

18:20 from Luton to Dunstable

This service is essential for people traveling back from work.

Centrebus **231**.

Diversion via Pepperstock

09:16 Caddington

16:20 ex Luton

The 09:16 bus is the only direct bus from Pepperstock to Luton and therefore required. We have found no indication that the 16:20 ex Luton service is required.

Hertfordshire County Council **46**. Monday – Saturday

Peak-hour journeys from Hemel Hempstead, Redbourn,
Markyate and Slip End to Luton

This service provides an essential link to doctors, shops, leisure facilities and work in Hertfordshire. We have found no indication that the service between Slip End and Luton is required.