

# **MINUTES OF CROYDE VILLAGE HALL MEETING**

## **held at Croyde Village Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at 8.00 p.m.**

**Present;** Margaret Patten, Bill Patten, David Tebbutt, Paul Petrides, Vicky Worthington, Pamela Evans, Alina Ford, Richard Windsor, Rose Cole, Rachel Brand, Rosemary Littlewood, Jane Pinchbeck, Douglas Owen.

**Apologies:** Chris Burrows, Paul Watkins, Paul Cole, Mary Stonehouse, Melvin

### **Matters arising from previous minutes;**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

### **Treasurers Report;**

David Tebbutt reported briefly that financial position at end-March, with all Village Hall extension costs now paid, was- Current account £1476, Cash to pay in £1964, Bonus Saver account £5632, Cash Float £150 = total of £9232.

### **Village Hall Open Day 28<sup>th</sup> March;**

Rachel Brand reported back on the Open afternoon and had prepared a summary sheet of findings. She was thanked for holding this event, which was poorly-attended, but valuable. Rachel expressed some disappointment that more Village Hall committee members did not attend. Some 6-8 visitors had contributed with comments/ideas. Many residents are obviously not aware of the full range of activities the Village Hall can, and often does, support. There is a great difference between the perception of Village Hall Committee view of activities/facilities which take place and the community perception of the same.

David noted that it has been obvious for a long time that many people do not read notices in "Crydda", Post Office, Notice Boards and elsewhere and that we need to consider additional "marketing" methods. Richard pointed out that we already undertake many of the activities which have been suggested (Training Venue, Surf and SLSC training, weddings, birthday parties, exhibition space, meeting place, fashion shows) but many of these have, and should be organised by the users of the Village hall, rather than the Committee itself.

It was suggested that Chris be asked to produce a more detailed monthly "Whats On" to show potential users what the hall can be, and is, successfully used for. Small notice-boards, flags and banners might be used to show when there are important events happening in the Hall.

Rachel suggests we look at roles and responsibilities of Committee members and the whole committee should be involved. She is willing to put together a package of activities for business "away-days" and Vicki offered to help whenever possible.

The matter of "re-branding" the Village Hall needs careful thought if benefits of this are to exceed the alienation which might be caused.

Rachel would prefer that the matters ahead should be dealt with by full Committee, rather than a Steering Group or sub-committee. The discussion was therefore wound up with the Committee members agreeing to study the CVH Brainstorm chart before the next meeting, when it will be taken further with more time available for discussion.

The Committee is very grateful to Rachel for the time she has spent on the Open Day and resultant work.

**Any other business;**

Vicki would like it to be understood that she is VH representative for the Craft Fair activities and all Craft Fair matters should be put through her.

Pam Evans had attended the meeting on behalf of the Whist Group. She had the following concerns:-

Car Parking – it is understood that Parish Council are attempting to reduce car park payment hours with NDDC, the owners of the car Park.

Lighting is proving inadequate for some Whist players – it was agreed to refer this to Paul Watkins, for his advice.

The Whist Group storage cabinet had been removed to accommodate the new cooker, but an alternative siting had been agreed before the meeting.

Richard had received a Booking Enquiry for the Oceanfest weekend, which may be dependant on obtaining an extension to our licensing hours. The Committee voted NOT to apply for an extension for Oceanfest.

**End of Meeting;** The meeting was concluded at 8.55 p.m. and the next meeting agreed for **THURSDAY MAY 7<sup>th</sup> AT 7.30 P.M.** Items for AOB should be submitted to Chris Burrows one week before this date.