



Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 17th March 2008

Tyne Youth & Community Centre, Chirnside House, Mariners Lane, Tynemouth NE30 4AT.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Barrie Braidford (Chair), Alf Brown, Judith Burgess, David Hunt, Graham Marsh, Joan Whitney, Brian Wood and Adrian Woodcock.

Apologies were received from: Jim Carlin

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Adrian Woodcock proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Brian Wood seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- The Association have purchased a 'Ship's decanter' as a thank you gift for Tony Armstrong. This was shown to the committee.
- Barrie told the committee that 'Beechwood' (flats) will have to be visited to see how many chairs are needed. Ten chairs are required for Cheviot Court. All chairs have to be covered in a washable fabric for hygiene purposes.

4. Parking

- A meeting has been arranged with Paul Brewis for 4th April 2008 at the Freeman Hospital. It was agreed that Barrie and Brian should attend this on our behalf.
- Alf Brown, who is a member of the Community Advisory Panel and a representative on the Members Council, gave a detailed account of the present parking situation.
- Alf told the meeting that Paul Brewis has prepared a paper on Parking Charges to come in to affect in April which has been presented at the Members Council.
- Discussions on this paper have been deferred at both the September '07 and January '08 meetings. It has been promised it will be on the agenda for the March '08 meeting of the Members Council.

- Judith suggested that Barrie asks Paul Brewis why our members are not exempt from parking charges while cancer and renal patients are.
- Alf agreed to speak on our behalf at the next meeting of the Member Council.

5. Annual General Meeting

- It was suggested that we hold the next AGM at 'Lindisfarne Social Club' on Tuesday, 9th December 2008. All were in agreement with this.
- Joan informed the committee that our new accountants are Daycott & Kirk and they have agreed to have our accounts prepared for that date.
- The Eric James Fund has not yet been transferred to the 30 day account as the signatures of Barrie Braidford and Graham Marsh have to be verified.

6. Games report

- Graham told the committee that there are 20 competitors and 11 supporters attending the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games in Vichy, France.
- He went on to say that, to date, there will be 20 competitors and 6 supporters attending the British Transplant Games in Sheffield.
- Graham went on to give the costs of the accommodation for the British Games. These are as follows:
 - Campus: £36 B&B + £10.50 Eve meal
 - Novotel: £75 B&B per room
- Graham went on to say that he has been asked if any subsidy will be given for accommodation. Judith suggested that as the costs are cheaper than last year no subsidy should be given. All were in agreement with this.
- It was pointed out that children would be in attendance at the Gala Dinner. There would not be a separate one for the children this year.
- Graham told the committee that Aneil Bhatt is running in the London Marathon on our behalf and we have provided him with a t-shirt with our logo on the front and a big logo on the back.
- Graham informed the committee that Derek Riley, a past committee member is not very well and Judith agreed to write to him to relay our best wishes.
- Joan brought to the attention that David Robinson and others from Northern Ireland, who are attending the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games are travelling on the Irish team shuttle bus from the airport and have asked if they can claim the cost of this. It was agreed that they would only be able to if we have not already paid for their costs of transfer.

7. Any other business

- Graham told the meeting that he has order 1,000 pin badges and that they should be arriving shortly.

- Joan told the committee that she is having a problem sending out the rents every six months and suggested that we rely on honesty.
- Brian suggested that we give the ward addressed envelopes to pass out with keys. Barrie agreed to do the labels for these.
- Barrie has received a letter from Jamie Cottage telling him that he wants to raise money for the FHLTA. Barrie visited Jamie's school and spoke to the Deputy Head and has given Jamie items to sell.
- It was suggested that all the committee should be CRB checked. Barrie agreed to speak to Paul Brewis on this matter.
- Barrie also agreed to speak to Mark Hipkin, Solicitor to ask if we require Public Liability.

8. Date of the next meeting

28th April 2008 at 12.00 (noon)