

BARROW UPON SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BUSCA Trustees' meeting on Thurs 24th Nov 2016 **in Barrow Library starting at 7.30pm**

1. Welcomes:

Apologies: Wendy, Craig, Frances, Ceri, Ginnie, Brian, Graham, Mike

Present: Judith, Alan, Sue, Ted, David, Chris, Betty, Val, Ann, Diane

2. Minutes of the Trustees' meeting on Sept 13th 2016

Comment: Ann Higgins was present but name was missed out. Otherwise accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising

- i) £50,000 has been put into Loughborough Building Soc account
- ii) Standing order for renewal of membership: David to email details to Diane. (see 10.)

4. Treasurer's report (David)

Accounts to 21st Oct presented and analysed. (Apologies from David because they are not up to date; over 100 postings have come in since then)

There are inaccuracies which David can't identify. And some posts are incomplete because of the speed with which monies are coming in and going out (especially Honk and library)

The Welcome Pack has made a £300 "profit" from grants but this will be used to contribute to a new edition of walks leaflet No 1/2

Analysis of bar finances: the team of David, Ted and Mike feel they have got things about right at the moment in terms of stock bought in and sold out.

Overall, there is an increase of £3,307 into the account, as at 21st Oct 2016.

5. Community Centre and Humphrey Perkins

Discussion:

- i) Table shortage experienced at the Oct dance is explained by the new storage site (room off the foyer)
- ii) Caretaking training by BUSCA: we are still able to offer this if HPHS is ever ready to offer. There are 3 new premises officers who are expected to share some of the out of hours bookings (although John Smith is still the Relief Caretaker)
- iii) Diane has requested that a hand drier is supplied in the Community Kitchen (or a paper dispenser near the hand sink). Judith will pass on the request.

6. Library matters (Alan)

The Library Management Committee (LMC) feels that things are running well and effectively.

Analysis of library finances shows that there is a steady rise in the balance between grant income (LMC and Barrow Parish Council) and the actual expenditure. This is largely because of the fund-raising that is done by LMC and volunteers, for which thanks are due.

Library volunteers won an Achievement Award from the Rural Community Council. Judith asked to display it at the Street Market.

The meeting between Nigel Thomas (Head of Library Services of LCC) and reps of the LMC to discuss the annual report was very reassuring. It is clear that we are "doing well".

7. New Community Building report (Sue)

John Leney didn't turn up.

Sue summarized where we are with the 5 identified sites. Barrow Parish Council agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting in October to consider the two Parish Council owned sites (King George:

1st) and Fishpool (2nd). This was adequate to enable John Loney to proceed with further grant applications.

At the December Full Council meeting of Barrow PC a decision will be taken whether it might allow the building of a Community Centre on the two sites (**No to King George; possibly on Fishpool**).

Sue asked that as many BUSCA trustees as possible attend this PC meeting to show solidarity) After the PC meeting BUSCA will consider holding a public meeting/consultation to test what residents' views are (rather than making unsubstantiated judgments).

Trustees agreed to support the ongoing work of the NCB committee to provide a community centre for Barrow, in line with its constitution.

8. Discussion of Special Projects 2016

- i) New Welcome pack and website flier are now complete.
- ii) NCB: on-going

9. Safeguarding and Child Protection (Val, Diane)

The DBS checks mechanism via Diane's company is working well.

Val is still looking for a Vulnerable Adults training course at VAL.

Thanks to them both.

10. BUSCA membership (Diane)

Judith has emailed out a newsletter to all BUSCA members including those who haven't renewed in 2016.

About 40 members either joined in 2016 or renewed.

Members have been invited to renew at the Christmas Street Market. Diane will man the BUSCA membership stall.

Discussion on how to make renewal easier: agreed to redesign the form so it is much easier. We will abandon membership tickets. Instead each member will be issued with a unique membership number, by email.

The new form will include bank details so members could set up a standing order to renew.

11. Long term future of BUSCA; sustainability issues

Delayed to next meeting. This item needs to be at the start of the agenda.

12. Annual Report 2016 and Forward Plan 2017

Agreed that we will use the same format as last year: ie each group will provide an annual report for 2016 (but not a budget). Judith will send out clips to

Ceri: Panto/Youth Theatre; Sue: NCB; Val: Twinning; Betty: Events; Kathryn: Heritage; Ceri and Brian: Library; Gaynor: BV; Judith: websites.

David will do a Reserves projection.

13. Reports from BUSCA groups

Barrow Voice: an early Winter edition is expected Nov 25th

Events: A Centre Stage *Travelling by Tuba* happens tomorrow; then Christmas Dance. We have two more Centre Stage events: Feb 3rd (*A History of Music*) and March 17th (*Mambo Jambo*)

Heritage: the group was invited by HPHS to go through a mound of old school records as part of the 300th anniversary. Busy on this project.

Panto: Cinderella on March 10th and 11th is our 20th!!

Youth Theatre: a very successful Honk

NCB committee, (see earlier)

Twining: The 20th year of Twining Association with Marans: BUSCA trustees would like to be involved in a reception.

Websites: poddling along with very successful new sites. Lots of organisations are editing their own pages.

14. AOB

- i) Invite Lin Webb, Alan Reilly and (Claire Forest?) to next meeting

15. Date of Next Trustees' Meeting: Mon 27th Feb