

# **Bradwell Development Committee**

## **Meeting held at Bradwell Centre, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

### **11.00 – 1.00pm**

**1. Present:** SJ, MJ, AF, TD, LH, RB, BD

**Apologies:** DW, SM

**Opening prayer:** BD

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** passed as correct.

#### **Matters Arising:**

- § Recap that at last meeting concluded that BDC's work/remit was mostly completed, except for 2 items – staffing and electricity, and that BDC should continue for maybe 6 months until these done. This was proposed to the Trustees at their January meeting and accepted.
- § Youth involvement was also one area still needing work.

#### **3. Youth:**

- § RB – youth central to work of Othona. Had had good input from DS and carried on by LH, on ways to get young people involved and in finding out what their views were.
- § LH – communication has improved, she has a list of e-mail contacts, not as lively a response now as when she began it. It was an ongoing but not urgent process. She was happy to continue as youth representative.
- § The roof on the cabin, for art room and youth common room, has been repaired and to be repainted next weekend at the working weekend.
- § Activities for children and young people incorporated into summer weeks. This area in hands of programming committee/ executive, and with staff.
- § Where should 'youth' sit now - SJ said wanted to invite LH to be on executive as youth officer/spokesperson, even if could not attend every meeting. A useful channel for voices of young.
- § LH thanked by all for her work improving communication.

#### **4. Electricity Update:**

- § TD reported - the design was done and quotes in from contractors. EDF were the only firm that could do part of it. Trustees had agreed a contractor, now awaiting the money to be raised. Costs had come down from £130,000 to about £60,000.
- § TD would check how long the contractor would hold the quote.
- § Cost denoted what we would do, keep existing backup generator as new backup.
- § What was to be done with the existing inverter would be decided at a later date, could be sold off or kept for use with self generated green electricity.
- § A switch would be put in that enables us to sell electricity back to the grid at a future date.

- § RB has TD's paper to the Trustees on the details. Nothing else to be done on elec until money raised.
- § **Fundraising update** – RB – so far £28,000 raised. Some of it from outside bodies. Rest needs to come from members, for other bodies to give to us we need to show we are raising some ourselves, and many bodies use match funding.
- § RB – set her target to raise the £60,000 by April so can have mains electricity by summer.
- § Her idea for 'tea tickets' £1 gives you a free cup of tea at Bradwell (Idea to be worked out in detail and brought to Fund-Raising Group for consideration)
- § LH – idea of guess weight of her families change box over Easter.

#### **5. Staff Recruitment:**

- § 2 new members of staff to be appointed who come together from Cheshire. Gail will be Deputy and cook/coordinator, Matthew will be community co-ordinator. See various e-mails about them.
- § No more staff to be sought at present, no money in budget.
- § A possibility that County Funding may be available for volunteer coordinators. Trustees may be following this up.

#### **6. Update from Trustees:**

- § Minutes from 25<sup>th</sup> Jan meeting, and draft release from 12<sup>th</sup> March 24 hr meeting available to all members. Self explanatory.

#### **7. AOB:**

- § Thanks were expressed to SJ for the good work been done by Exec, thanks from SJ and Exec to BDC for their work.
- § TD – building sub committee of the BDC is in abeyance not disbanded. The Trustees can pick it up again, TD happy to stand down as chair if Dave Ball agrees to take it up. Trustees can place Building Group where they feel it is best to do, maybe as a trustee sub-committee. There were links to Exec as JA was on it. Everyone was in agreement with this. RB to put this formally to the Trustees.

#### **8. Date and business of next meeting:**

- § All agreed that another meeting in early September was desirable; to review progress on electricity and staffing, good time after summer season, and new staff would have been in post 3 months. Members were pleased their work was nearly completed but did not want to disband BDC until last 2 items were fully completed and reviewed. RB to set a suitable date with SM and DW.