

Bradwell Fund Raising Committee

Minutes of Meeting on 2nd October 2007, Harlow.

Meeting ran from 7.15pm to 9.10pm.

Present

Ann Frogatt (Chair) Steve James, Margaret James, Rosie Sinden-Evans, Kees Maxey, Roo Bull (Minutes today)

Apologies for absence

David Williams

1. Minutes

- Minutes of last meeting not available, Ann to re-circulate.
- Proposal by Ann to rotate minute-taking to each committee member – agreed.

2. Cascade Update

Rosie taking the lead. Now has the papers and is planning the next steps:

- Go through names of cascade leaders and telephone them for update/report on their progress.
- Give a deadline, offer support and updated paperwork.
- Time frame agreed today – 3rd week in November for report by Rosie for Winter Full Circle; then Report for AGM.

3. External Fund Raising

- a.) Roo reported poor response from Charities from the Directories. £500 given from Buckhurst Hill URC; £1,000 still committed by a small Trust Fund if we raise Electricity money by Christmas. Roo to contact 2 or 3 organisations where funding had looked promising.
- b.) Kees proposed people make efforts through their own local churches; this ties in with FAQs in the Cascade. It was felt not the right time to start new external fund raising contacts.
- c.) Steve reported on East of England Development Agency holding a “competition” for community group Projects during 2008. This is progressing through the Bradwell Committee. Jerry Macklow and Sue Fairweather attended a conference and understand Othona “ticks all their boxes” Funding is for 10 groups to share £500,000. This would be for reducing our carbon footprint and generating green electricity once we are on the Grid. Rosie shared how positive this seems for community members who have been in conversation about this bid. There was discussion on option for a windmill and possible anticipated concern by one of Othona’s patrons the Bishop of Brentwood who has publicly opposed Bradwell Wind Farm as being too close to the chapel. Maldon Planning Dept would also have a point of view.

4. Current Figures and income.

Rosie has contacted Roger Pygram, current Othona Treasurer. Information provided in a message said that “over the past 10 mths to the end of August we have raised £15,900, of this £12,800 in donations, £2,400 Gift Aid, £700 Interest. Monthly payments: 9 regular funds to

Bradwell Building Fund raising £262/mth. 2 or 3 of these are running for a fixed period.” Rosie will thank Roger and will now ask Roger for latest total and ask if the £262 monthly income includes Gift Aid.

5. Events

- Past events: **Funday 2007** was not very well supported and we believe no income was generated for BBF. **Othonastock 2007** also did not generate surplus for BBF. Pilgrimage sales and donations did raise money (details not available.) **David and Martin’s Partnership celebration** also raised a 3-figure sum.
- Future events: **Funday 2008**, decision deferred pending Bradwell Village decision on date for Bradwell Flower Show. **Othonastock 2008** is not, realistically, likely to generate funds. **Black-tie dinner** – Steve to progress this in 2008. **“Tea Party”** Roo and Ann to consider ways of selling **Tea Tickets or holding a Tea Party Day** for people’s own home areas.
- Events are seen as part of a holistic approach, not detracting from our emphasis on significant giving. Rosie suggested all Members be encouraged to do fund-raising events as a **New Year’s Resolution: a Pledge** to do a Standing Order and/or a Fund-raising event to bring money from outside the Membership.
- Kees supported the idea of including something separate from Full Circle but in the same mailing – **a flyer**, maybe including Tea Tickets or similar to buy, (along the lines of raffle tickets often sent by large charities, but not a raffle.) Kees, Ann, Rosie and Roo expressed an interest in working on this approach together.

5. Progress of Patrons

- Dame Judi Dench has agreed to be Patron of Othona’s Bradwell Renewal and Building Fund, with boundaries clearly set. We greatly appreciate Dame Judi’s support for Othona Bradwell.
- Ann is pursuing another potential Patron with different contacts – Committee Members agreed this approach.

6. PR – on agenda but covered elsewhere in the meeting.

7. AOB

Rosie suggested we should try Nat. Westminster for replacement Bank – possibly via Audrey Day or Jan Marshall. Kees will try and research this, then Roo to contact Audrey and build up a careful plan of approach to Nat West.

8. Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.

Suggested: Sun 11th November 2pm at Steve & Margaret’s, Harlow – or Sun18th.