

**Minutes of Bradwell Fundraising Committee Meeting
Held on Sunday 11th November at 2pm
Held at Steve and Margaret James', 26 Primrose Field, Harlow**

Present: Steve James, Margaret James, Rosie Sinden-Evan, Roo Bull, Kees Maxey, Ann Froggatt (Chair)

Apologies: David Williams

Opening Prayer: Steve James

1. Minutes: minutes passed as correct.

2. Matters arising: All matters arising were also agenda items, and so covered there. There was no report on current figures as RSE was liaising with Roger later in the month.

3. Cascade Update:

- RSE reported that she had sent a letter to each of the people who had agreed to phone a list of members in the cascade, as to why she was following it up, and the timing, etc. Next were phone calls to all these people, already begun and ongoing.
- It was disappointing that not as much had been covered as hoped, of the 38 lists given out 1/3 had been done, 1/3 say they will complete them and 1/3 may not be able to do them. When she has finished the phoning those lists will be allocated to willing people. One of the European list holders was doing their list, the other about to.
- Rough analysis of first few reports received were similar to her own experience with her list, showed that of 56 contacts 6 were positive, 4 positive but not able/willing to give money, 4 were unsure, 12 unable to commit, 9 essentially Burton Bradstock members, and the rest un-contactable due to wrong phone numbers, moved, just not ever in.
- When Rosie had finished the phoning she would allocate outstanding lists to area leaders prepared to take on a second list. The meeting suggested she then write a circular letter to those people who had not been able to be contacted, as all members had been promised a personal contact. This letter could also be sent out to members on lists which could not be distributed to other area leaders. The letter should have a return address label on the back.
- Noted that not everyone agreed with going on the grid (many not fully aware of our green intentions for future) and particularly doubts had been expressed by a number of members about the type of new building proposed.
- Rosie would do a report for the next meeting and include a brief report on the cascade in the next issue of Full Circle."

4. External Funding Report:

- Roo has contacted some of the previously contacted organisations, where they had indicated that we maybe should try later in year etc., so far without positive results.
- As part of this she has contacted Bradwell Power station and had positive contact with the person in charge of community funding, only now to find that another person was in that post, they have been contacted but so far no reply.
- The NDA – Nuclear Decommissioning Association?- was contacted and an application for funding submitted. However Bradwell was not one of the 'priority' areas mentioned. Application also raised couple of points of interest for future submissions – formal local contacts and partnerships, for example with village church, Maldon Council, local schools and education authority. RB would discuss and liaise with DW about this, and also follow up NDA application with a phone call to see if worth pursuing further.
- She was happy to continue to follow up any other leads. Also reminded us of the donation of £1,000 offered if we raise the full amount for electricity before Christmas.
- Kees Maxey – Essex Radio Grant – felt, and rest of committee agreed, that we do not 'tick' enough of the boxes for continuing with an application for funding for electricity, but that we should discuss further applying for funding for providing stays for 'disadvantaged' children and families, especially as we do this already in a small way. Charities and social services have referred families to us for a stay, and paid for them. Trying for one of their grants would enable us to do more of this. Refer to leaflet 8 of the Business Plan. May not be directly or fully within remit of this committee but we could facilitate it. This required some further discussion with Trustees and DW, and the next grant application date was April.
- KM reminded us to all look at Grantnet (received by all in an e-mail) Steve James would sort out the registration of us on it, and let us know how to access it.
- KM has looked at Nat West website which talks of grants it makes, but there is no apparent way of how to apply. He will continue to follow this up. AF will contact Audrey Day to how it happened last time and if she still has any contacts, and will try to phone Nat West as well. Other possible bank leads to be looked at.
- Steve gave a brief update on the green electricity funding offered by East of England Development Agency. Clare Stone has offered to do the paperwork on this, for which all the committee sent her their heartfelt thanks, and Jerry and Sue were working on their submission too. There was a lot of enthusiasm from members for this submission, and it was agreed that we should remind all of the members that our going on the grid was with the aim of becoming greener and of generating our own green electricity and selling it back to the grid, but that this could not be done without being on the grid in the first place. Felt that some PR work

was needed on this, posters to go up over Christmas period, Full Circle report. Agreed that Steve would ask Jerry, Jonney and Sue to write something on this for next Full Circle.

5. Events Update:

- Tea Tickets – discussed how this would work, like raffle tickets without the prizes, sent only to members to sell, they would include info on Othona, its website address and times when ‘tea’ would be available, all tickets redeemed for tea would be kept and the £1 reclaimed by centre from funds so that the profit was just from the (many) sold but not ‘drunk’, hoped that new accountant would be able to keep this clear in accounting figures. We would keep BB in the loop as to what we were planning, and the wording would have to be carefully considered. This initiative would be linked to a series of tea mornings held in the spring, (cf McMillan Nurses Coffee mornings but much smaller scale). Aimed at those at home, time rich cash poor. It was acknowledged that the running of it was not previously very clear, so there would be a full presentation to the next committee meeting for further discussion.
- Bradwell Memories booklet – committee agreed this was a good idea, and it was noted that it was not so much a fund raiser (if all copies sold at £3.50 it would break even, about 10 orders in so far) as a consciousness raiser and PR idea. Original motivation was to get down some of the older members memories. There was a need to ensure that any expenditure applied for would show a sensible return. If they were not printed en-masse it was possible to print them as and when ordered, though those present thought people would buy them when at Othona and Othona events. AF to discuss further with DW.
- Possible Victorian Evening - DW to update at next meeting.
- The new and eagerly awaited edition of ‘Much Ado about Something’ was now on sale.
- No further news on whether or not Summer Fun Day would be happening depended on whether Bradwell Flower Show was going ahead.

6. Patrons:

- It was felt that getting Judi Dench to be a patron was a coup and to ensure we used her name as much as appropriately possible.
- AF’s contact Brett Kahr (psychotherapist for BBC Radio 2, contributor to TV programmes and with contacts in world of theatre and therapy) has agreed to be a patron as well, more details about him in next Full Circle, AF to contact SM to inform her, and for her maybe to write to him officially.
- Their names on letterheads were any headed letters sent for fundraising, could their names be added onto it? AF to discuss with DW.

7. AOB:

- Sandra Hodgson Brown did not feel able to join the fundraising committee, is to stand for the Bradwell Committee instead.

- Article for next Full Circle- deadline 7th Dec. AF to put it together, final form will be done after next meeting. It is to include: article/box about the 2 patrons, a report on cascade, and on current figures, on past events especially the bike ride by A Pears, and on any future events such as fixed at next meeting.
- To discuss at next meeting fundraising opportunities at next pilgrimage.

8. Next Meeting:

Saturday 1st December 2.00pm at Bradwell Centre