

HALESWORTH BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 13 January 2010 at Lovewell Blake's offices

Present: Brian Bale (Chair), Douglas Mizon, Eileen Heaps, Tim Heaps, Maria Wright, David Ruddle, Jack Clayton.

- 1 Apologies:** Karen Knights, Philip Reeve, Geoffrey Kiddy, Keith Wright. Rachel Ducker, who had been invited to come as an observer, was also unable to attend, due to sickness.
- 2 Minutes** of meeting held on 16 December 2009 were approved with one amendment requested by Jack Clayton.
- 3 Matters arising** – As Halesworth@Christmas is not on the agenda JC reported that, subject to finalising accounts to the end of January, it appears that there could be a surplus of around £2,000 to carry forward. The next H@C meeting is scheduled for 22 February.
BB and MW will be going to Barclays Bank very shortly with their Personal Information forms.
- 4 Treasurer's Report** – DM circulated the attached report which showed a General Fund surplus of £2,748 and a Town centre Group surplus of £229.
TH thanked the treasurer for the clarity of the monthly reports.
- 5 Secretarial items** – An invitation has been received for HBC committee members to attend a meeting this Friday with John Gummer MP to discuss various town issues. The committee felt that there would be little to be gained from a further such meeting at this time, especially as John Gummer will be standing down as MP at the General Election and none indicated that they would be able to attend.
A communication had been received from a member asking HBC to raise with the Town Council his concern about sand being used instead of salt to break up ice in the Thoroughfare. Other committee members agreed that sand had been trodden into shops, causing damage to carpets. Agreed that the secretary should pass on these comments at the next Council Meeting.
It was suggested that Executive Committee minutes should be posted on the HBC website, supported by a news item when they were available. Suggested that they be posted seven days after they had been circulated to give members time to ask for amendments. Agreed in principle and to be discussed further and confirmed at next meeting.
- 6 Town Centre Sub Group** – They had met the previous evening. The group is becoming more cohesive. Colin Huggins is playing a key role and could be a useful additional HBC committee member.
Richard Woolnough spoke to them about the Town Centre Working Group which is a subsidiary of the Town Plan Group. They are working on alternative town centre plans. This is regarded as worth doing even though actual input is likely to be very limited.
The sub group has asked to see the H@C accounts to help them assess the viability of their taking the Christmas Lights task on for next year. They would like them for their next meeting on 2 February, even though the accounts will be made up to 31

January. DM agreed to work with JC to produce some draft figures if at all possible. JC commented that, in future, it would be good if the Christmas festivities planning could include the churches and the young people of the town.

- 7 Events** – January 27th breakfast – Halesworth in Transition – DM to chair.
February 24th – Reability – May use HACT transport – Mention at breakfast.
March 31st – Hammonds – Breakfast not yet sorted. Possibly ask Roy Hammond to speak. – Andy Overy is sorting it out.
April 28th – AGM at Hammonds – EH to ask Susie Anderson about catering. DM to confirm to EH what we paid to Maureen Took last year.
May 26th – Possibly at Wissett Plough.
June 23rd – Evening event to be decided.
July 28th – Mark Hawes of Barclays is keen to do something. Suggested he might do a question and answer session.
Christmas event – Possibly bowling at Potters at Hopton. EH to check.
May use Community Bus.
- 8 Tourism** – Nothing urgent to report. Meeting tomorrow.
- 9 Town Plan** – Ongoing. TH to report in future.
- 10 Tesco** Nothing to report. Town Council meeting planned for Monday 18th January to discuss Coop further plans. JC will attend.
- 11 AOB** – None
- 12 Next meeting** – Wednesday 17 February 2010.