

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
A PROPOSAL CONCERNING LAND END PLAYING FIELDS, OFF THE
ROW, LANE END.

HELD ON THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2013 AT 7.30pm AT THE LANE
END CONFERENCE CENTRE, CONFERENCE ROOM 2.

Members of the Public – 24

1) Apologies for absence

Cllr Stewart.

2) Declaration of any personal or prejudicial interests

All Councillors declared an interest.

Introduction – Councillor Detsiny
Trevor Morrow, Chief Executive (Red Kite Community Housing)
Madeleine Howe Localities and Communities Manager – Wycombe (BCC)
Presentation by David Lett (New Meaning)

BCC and Red Kite Community Housing have offered to contribute £10,000 each towards instructing New Meaning to carry out market research using a mix of strategies.

The Lane End Community Enterprise Project involves commissioning 'New Meaning' to deliver Pro Active Community Engagement by offering a mix of leadership, facilitation, support, advice and guidance to deliver the projects aims and objectives in a local area.

The project will encourage and support local people to work together to help the community to grow from strength to strength by using local initiative to drive projects that directly benefit all the community. It will ensure that there is collective agreement about the use of the existing sports facilities and support funding bids to facilitate this. It will support the development of social enterprise which will help to address unemployment in the area.

Lane End Parish Council are being asked if they would be willing to contribute one third of the costs (£10,000).

Meeting Closed for public questions

An overview of comments / suggestions and concerns are listed below:

1. There were concerns expressed regarding the amount of money being spent on market research. It was felt by some Parishioners that £30,000 would actually be better spent on improving the facilities at the Playing Fields.
2. A Parishioner voiced his concern that Lane End already has an active Community Centre and wondered if more facilities at the Playing Fields were needed.
3. Parishioners asked the Parish Council to confirm that the Playing Fields could only be used for sports and recreational activities. Council confirmed that to be correct.

4. Concerns were voiced regarding the time frame in which the money would be paid to New Meaning. New Meaning confirmed normally they would ask for 30% up front, another instalment half way through and the total bill to be settled at the end of the project.
5. Concerns were expressed about the market research being carried out and not enough volunteers would come forward to drive the project forward. New Meaning confirmed they would continue to work with Lane End until a successful outcome was achieved.
6. It was expressed that facilities should be offered for men, woman and children of all ages.
7. Concerns were expressed regarding the on-going maintenance of the p
8. Playing Fields.
9. Many Parishioners expressed the view that they were pleased that something was finally going to happen with the Playing Fields and felt this was an exciting opportunity.

3) Parish Council to debate if they will contribute funding towards the scheme

All Councillors were enthusiastic and excited about the prospect of revitalising the Playing Fields for the local community. Councillors felt New Meaning had the experience to help achieve proactive community engagement in order to try and secure grants or funding.

Cllr Detsiny asked all Councillors to vote by a show of hands.

It was a unanimous decision. All Councillors were in favour of supporting the scheme and contributing £10,000.

They thanked Red Kite Community Housing and BCC for offering to contribute £10,000 each.

NEXT MEETING: To confirm that the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 29th April at the Lane End Community Centre and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Full Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May 2013 from 7.30pm in the Sycamore Room of the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

Signed..... (Chair)

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