



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2009 at Kingshill House, Dursley

Present: Chris Cherry(Chair), Geoff Wheeler, Linda Cherry, Miranda Clifton, Hilary Fowles, Bob Littleford, Andrew Buffrey, Shirley Hill (Vale Business Forum), Jim Hill, Ralph Darby (Dursley Ladies' Hockey Club), Marie Minett (VCA Dursley), Liz Stanley, Jill Davis, Valerie Moores, Joan Gummer, Ray Gummer, Mercia Adams, Janet Wood (SDC), Chris Creswick, Charlotte Marwood, Jemma Grieve (Youth Forum), Harry Atkinson.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Doughty (VV), Dan Judges (Gloucestershire First), Jane Ball (Dursley Town Council, Dursley & District Community Assn), Anne Wheeler (GL11), Peter Gilbert, David Alexander, Anne Marie Rutter (Dursley Town Trust), Cam PC.

Chris Cherry opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the third AGM of the Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM held on 28 April 2008, taken as read, were agreed to be a true record of that meeting.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Chair's report:** The chair gave a presentation outlining activities supported and/or undertaken by Vale Vision during the preceding year. (Copy filed with minutes). With reference to the sculpture trail, it was suggested that contact detail should be included on an information board at the trail for those interested in contributing.
5. **Financial Report:** In the absence of the treasurer, the chair spoke to the report which was circulated. (Copy filed with minutes) He emphasised that apart from a grant from SDC for core funding for 08/09, Vale Vision has minimal regular income and is dependant on obtaining grants and pursuing funding opportunities to maintain financing for projects.
6. **Questions & discussion:**
 - Janet Wood suggested that a representative of the Business Forum should attend the regular GL11 stakeholders meetings. Shirley Hill volunteered in the interim until the forum elects a representative.
 - Ralph Darby questioned the lack of signage to and adequacy of the roads up to the sculpture trail. The problems of erecting signs were outlined, although improved signage was being looked into. It was emphasised that the sculpture trail is not being publicised as a tourist destination, rather to encourage more people to enjoy the woodland; it was seen as important to preserve the 'naturalness' of the landscape.
 - Chris Creswick asked what had happened to the traffic impact assessment which had been promised by GCC. This had been requested in view of the multiple developments in the area. Various discrete parts of the A4135 had been looked at,

but it was agreed that pressure needed to be applied for a systematic assessment. GW commented that an adequate local transport plan was also needed.

- Chris Creswick reported that Gloucester Association for Mental Health had merged with other organisations to form the Gloucester Inclusion Trust for all mental health services. The current economic situation could result in more need to engage with groups working with those encountering problems.
- Harry Atkinson commented on the level of contact with other local organisations and questioned the degree of support from Dursley Town Council. The chair reported that there is increasing liaison and co-operation with DTC.

7. **Amendments to Company Articles:** GW explained that these minor amendments were being proposed to keep up with current practice and legislation. The first was proposed by Hilary Fowles, seconded by Linda Cherry; the second was proposed by Miranda Clifton, seconded by Chris Cherry and both were unanimously agreed.
8. **Appointment of directors for 2009 - 2010:** The Chair explained that the terms of office of one third of the directors came ended each year; this year Miranda Clifton, Bob Littleford and Mike Doughty were due to retire. All three had expressed willingness to serve another term as directors. This was proposed by Chris Creswick, seconded by Liz Stanley and unanimously agreed. The chair invited any other members of the public to put themselves forward as potential directors, subject to suitability being determined.
9. **Close of business:** The chair thanked those present for coming to the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.