



Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 December 2010 at the Vale Vision shop

Present: Chris Cherry (CC), Linda Cherry (LC), Bob Littleford (BL), Geoff Wheeler (GW), Liz Stanley (LS), Miranda Clifton (MC), Valerie Moores (VM) (as observer)

1. **Apologies:** Mike Doughty, Janet Wood, BL (late arrival).
2. **Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 18 November:** agreed to be a true record. (Numbering refers to minutes of the November meeting)
 - i. 3i) One governor vacancy at Rednock had been filled; there were now 7 candidates for a further vacancy – all would be contacted in due course.
 - ii. 4i) CC/GW had met the SDC regeneration officer to discuss VV's funding. He had agreed that VV could invoice for a further £2k..
 - iii. 4iii) Youth services – Cam PC, Dursley TC were about to have a meeting with the GCC cabinet member and the Head of Youth Services to discuss the future of youth services locally.
3. **Correspondence:**
 - i. SDC – long term parking permits: no longer relevant as Long Street parking extended.
 - ii. Rachel Strange – has registered C & D as a transition town. CC & GW had met her and suggested she write up some ideas for VV.
 - iii. DTC _ shop window competition. CC to write a letter congratulating DTC on the success of the competition.
 - iv. Young Gloucestershire – would like to meet and discuss potential for Young Glos volunteers with VV. Action CC
4. **Financial report:** CC tabled the report in the treasurer's absence. There were currently 10 months to run.
 - i. VV had been de-registered for VAT from 1 Jan 11.
 - ii. Agreement had been reached with B Walker to pay £1k in one lump in December for gas back payment.
 - iii. It had been agreed that VV's continuing tenancy of the shop would be an informal arrangement from both sides.
 - iv. DTC had agreed a £500 grant to VV.
 - v. The shop had been signed up to a new phone provider.
5. **Project progress:**
 - i. Sculpture Trail: There was further damage to sculptures. No date yet fixed for working party due to weather.
 - ii. What's On:
 - The Jan – Mar 11 edition was being distributed.
 - The cost had increased slightly due to the rise in paper prices. MC confirmed that this had been discussed with the printer previously.
 - A pdf of the new edition was on the website and a pdf of the cover only had been requested for distribution to all those on the VV mailing list (master list currently being updated. CC).
 - iii. Walking for health:

- The Jan – March programme was being worked on.
- Walk numbers were still low and there were no new volunteer leaders. Various local organizations were suggested as possible sources of volunteers.
- The Cotswold Way's next circular walk would be around Stinchcombe.

iv. Cycleway:

- Rupert Crosbee, Sustrans had recently informed BL that rail track land in a part of Cam had not been purchased by the residents, and Sustrans had had an enquiry as to whether there was still interest in the land. There was no indication as to the value/price of the land. It was agreed that it would be necessary to ascertain the exact location of the land, and SDC's views on this. Pete Gilbert (SDC) and R Crosbee to be contacted. Action BL.

v. Snicketway map: ongoing.

6. Dursley & Cam Community plan:

- Letters offering VV's services in carrying this out had been sent to CPC and DTC. DTC had deferred discussion to the next Plan group meeting – date as yet unknown, it was to be discussed at the Jan CPC meeting. MC to find out date of plan meeting. It was felt that the re-invention of VV could go side by side with work on the plan

7. Hospital League of Friends:

- This had now been set up as a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered office at May Lane surgery.
- There would be a public meeting to promote it further in January.
- The hospital building was on schedule to open in Nov 11.

8. Tourism: It had not been possible for a VV representative to attend the last tourism forum; LC had sent a report.

9. A O B:

- GW – there was enough material for another newsletter. Agreed this be emailed out.
- GW – had become a trustee of Stroud CAB, so would be resigning as company secretary in March. MD had agreed to take this on.
- BL – had attended a fun run in fancy dress; a good fundraising idea, perhaps for the Festival.
- VM – DTC had granted £3k to the Festival committee
- VM – VBF was about to hold its annual dinner; membership was picking up.
- LC – suggested VV take up corporate membership of the GL11 project. Proposed MC, seconded LC, agreed unanimously. All were encouraged to take up individual membership. (CC pointed out VV should look at our membership policy)
- CC – MD had received a £100 holiday voucher from new phone provider, querying how best it could be used. Agreed it be offered for sale in the newsletter for £50

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 20 January at 7pm in the VV shop.