



# Craven Vale

## Community Association

### Notes of Committee Meeting

December 10<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7.00 pm at The Vale Community Centre, 17a Hadlow Close

**Present:** Committee: Grant Scott (Chairman), Alan Cooke (Secretary), Clive Taplin, Geoff Wilcock, Nick Wood; Others: Ruth Sennett, Amy Allison (Trust for Developing Communities)

1. **Apologies:** Bill Duff, Keely McDonald (Trainee Resident Involvement Officer)
2. **Minutes of meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.** These were agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising.**
  - a) *Bus-stop build-out and quality of bus service Route 2.* There has been no response yet from Cllr Mitchell following her meeting with senior management.
  - b) *Hadlow Close storage sheds.* There has been no response yet from the Council concerning broken windows and permanent light on in sheds for 1-12, and footpath light not working.
  - c) *38 Bute Street.* Clive asked if there had been any Council response to his complaints about the state of this Council-owned property. No response had been received.
4. **Correspondence**
  - a) University of Sussex volunteers day January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed that Alan would book a stand at this function, predominantly for the Friends of Craven Wood.
  - b) The Heritage Lottery Fund has requested a conversation with one of the interviewers for the book project. Ruth offered to speak with them.
  - c) Hilary Orange has asked if the Whitehawk Big Dig team could come and address any group to show their finds and discuss their future plans. It was agreed to invite the team to come to one of the Fifty Plus mornings.
  - d) Eastern Area Panel meeting minutes. Alan attended the meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> and reported back that:
    - The Council are considering installing a resident parking scheme for the Housing-controlled parking areas in Parham Close and Hadlow Close.
    - All outstanding EDB work for 2013/14 is due to be completed during December. Lighting for Southwater Close has now been completed, as has been the plumbing in the

Little Vale, Alan to write to Mears to confirm that CVCA would prefer to be given a cheque for £500 for the Community Payback work outstanding.

- The Council has agreed that car parking on the verges of Queensway (East) will now be illegal and offenders will be fined. It was noted that the recent implementation of a resident parking scheme throughout Baker's Bottom had increased pressure significantly on parking space in Craven Vale. There was also a general discussion about the state of the verges as a result of vehicles trying to pass each other.

#### 6. **Finance**

The finances remain healthy. The re-decoration of the Vale Community Centre would be finished that week at a cost of just over £600 from VCC funds. The cost of insurance has risen to almost £500 a year; it was recommended that other insurance companies should be canvassed next year. A charge of £200 would be levied soon for the cost of food bank administration by FareShare. The Wednesday café is breaking even.

#### 7. **Any Other Business**

a) A wreath making evening would take place the next day, with Claire agreeing to purchase supplies and collect the greenery from Stanmer.

b) The Christmas Party for December 13<sup>th</sup> was all in hand.

c) The possibility of a wassailing party around Twelfth Night was discussed, but it was felt that there was insufficient time to set it up. It was agreed to consider an early evening function during half-term week (February 16-20) tying in with the end of the Brighton Permaculture course being held in the Vale.

d) Amy advised the Committee that the future of Claire's post as Youth Worker for Craven Vale was at risk following recent discussions within the Council concerning possible cuts to the whole youth programme in the City. This was viewed with great concern by the whole CVCA Committee. It decided to monitor the situation closely, and be ready to discuss the potential impact with the local Councillors if the situation worsens.

#### 8. **Dates of Next Meetings**

a) General Meeting, 7 pm January 14<sup>th</sup> (no set agenda yet)

b) Committee Meeting, 7 pm February 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.