



**SAVE OLD SCHOOL:
Group Meeting in the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe,
10th October 2011 at 8.00pm**

PRESENT:

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| Carol Tarrant | Liz Smith |
| Sandie Emmerson | Jane Custance |
| Martin McCormack | Sue Nicholls |
| John Wallis | Tessa Smith |
| Hayley Wesley | Bob Corn |

APOLOGIES: Liz Raba
Alex and Owen Wynne
Lukas McCormack
Sylvia Simmonds
Les Laing
Jeannette Wallis
Anne Eastwood

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting which had been called to further discuss proposals in connection with the Old School Building in the centre of Ivinghoe, and its possible future for the community.

1.0 Liz Raba's Theatre Proposal: Since Liz was ill, Carol gave a brief outline of the 'Youth Theatre' proposals – although it is hoped that Liz herself will be able to present something next week. (Joley, Liz's business partner will come instead)

2.0 Questionnaires: Sandie reported on her correlation of the Questionnaires (full detail available) but briefly – 30% return rate (which is a conservative figure based on % of returns - to delivered Questionnaires - as Ivinghoe village alone received questionnaires, not Ringshall or Ivinghoe Aston at present, so not full 'Parish' community yet reached) ; 25% of returned population in Ivinghoe are under 18, majority of 0% were in the 45-65 age range and the remaining 25% are over 65; most of the 68% 'previous' uses for the building were for parties, although also used for meetings, exercise groups, voting, etc.; most folk stated a preference for new uses as a Café or Internet Café, and next popular was for Educational/Arts & Craft use. Some interest was expressed for a Cinema, and an Office/Meeting venue – also for Sports and Fitness, Youth venue and a shop for local produce.

Sandie noted that of the respondents, 80% felt it to be 'important' or 'very important' to keep the building for village use – first choice for all age groups was for a Café, although second choice in mid-range adults was for a party venue – second choice for children was for a cinema – second choice for the elderly was for a meeting place (see attached extract sheet from Sandie's correlation document). The Group discussed the 'meeting room' requirement, and felt that villagers Brenda Grace and Olive Cavell might be approached for 'wisdom' in this regard; Sandie confirmed that 20 villagers had offered help to join the Steering Group.

3.0 Business Plan: Jane has made two drafts of this and has forwarded it to Carol who is using this with Bob as a basis for her Big Lottery grant bid for £30,000 due in on October 20th, and then progressing the Community Asset Transfer part 1 response due in on October 31st. The questions are wide ranging and pull in all the diverse response we have been all working on, so Carol had circulated a batch of some of the questions for nine of the group to give their considered response to. She had received two sets back so far, though one had a technical glitch and could not be fully opened. Response from the group is now pressing on the skills the group can list between them as an ‘unknown’ group so far, which is needed urgently by now. Jane, Sue and Sandie have offered help with final drafting.

Noted that after much research, further advice is required as to which ‘Business Model’ we should adopt – Charitable Trust, Community Benefit Company, etc., etc. Carol is negotiating with ‘Community Impact Bucks’ for the services of a voluntary legal advisor to help with this. Bob noted that he had joined the Group into ‘Community Matters’ as agreed at the last meeting, and had been able to download helpful documents – he had, for example, circulated a ‘Model Constitution’ although this model was very lengthy, John pointing out that we had previously adopted something which he, Carol and Les had worked on.

4.0 Liaison with Ivinghoe Entertainments: Noted that email correspondence with the Group had taken place, although Ivinghoe Ents had seemingly ‘got the wrong end of the stick’; thinking that we were still asking for financial help....even after they had explained their own more constrained recent financial predicament, whereas we were instead asking for a statement of ‘moral support’ for our proposals and their own thoughts as to where we could combine our adjacent resources for their future plans. We await a reply on this.

5.0 Any Other Business:

- 5.1 **‘Business Matters’** – a Rural Buckinghamshire conference is to be held on 25th November 2011 at Saunderton, near High Wycombe – Carol had registered a number of places for the Group, although there was no obligation to go!
- 5.2 **Jackie Wesley** – of Bucks County Council – had sent a copy of the Conveyance whereby the County took possession of the Old School from Earl Brownlow in 1906, a copy of the Land Registry Entry for the property which we already have, and Drainage and Electrical service information.
- 5.3 **Les** had written re-Countess Allford’s contested will, and Egerton’s response. Carol passed these facts on to Martin to give to his son Lucas who has worked on the history research for us in the past.
- 5.4 **Community Impact Bucks** – Sarah Allwood has sent useful information re-locality briefing and other matters – Carol to circulate to the Group.
- 5.5 **Noted that Christabel** – Vice-Chair to Ivinghoe Parish Council – had written with supportive feedback on the Parish’s position and sadly scant knowledge on Care in the Village for Elderly, Youth, Disabled, etc. – although Carol is speaking with County ‘Social Care Services pro-actively in the light of imminent closure of local day centres, and a meeting is being arranged with Bharti Quinn, Joint Commissioning Manager, Adults and Family Wellbeing , Buckinghamshire County Council.
- 5.6 **The meeting spoke of villager ‘Mandy’** who lives in Wellcroft – evidently she is a Community Care Officer for Hertfordshire County Council, and she might give guidance on this aspect – Tessa will speak to her.

6.0 Next Meeting: 17th October 2011 at 8.00pm, Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe



Preferred choice by Age group

