



**SAVE OLD SCHOOL:  
Group Meeting in the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe,  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 8.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Carol Tarrant  
Mike Custance  
Liz Raba  
John Walls

Bob Corn  
Alex Wynne  
Karen Groom

**APOLOGIES:** Jane Custance  
Joley Brindle  
Sylvia Simmonds  
Hayley Wesley

Margaret Holliday  
Alistair Owens  
Martin McCormack

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1.0 Building Lease:** Carol confirmed the news that she had received (and now tabled) the firm decision by Bucks County Council to allow the Group a 25 year lease at a 'peppercorn' rent, assuming a full repairing lease, with the option to purchase the freehold (as attached copy); the decision is dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012, although lease proposals are still being worked through by Bucks C.C. They evidently need the trading names of our two business tenants – Liz confirming the Theatre Group as 'Flametree Community Ltd.', Carol noting that she will confirm with Hayley the firm trading name for the CuriosiTea Café.
- 2.0 Press coverage:** Carol reported that Mix.96 was very prompt in their keenness to broadcast the news of this positive decision through an interview and statement. Other local magazines and newspapers will be fed the news as it progresses towards a signed Lease.
- 3.0 Public Liability Insurance:** Carol reported that after a complex method of making access available for a Gas Heating specialist recently, whereby it was necessary for us to call Jackie Wesley to attend, and thereby confer Public Liability Insurance through Bucks C.C., it had been suggested that the Parish Council could confer similar cover. Karen agreed that she could so provide attendance as could be arranged conveniently, until such times as the Group can sign the lease and make their own Public Liability Insurance arrangements.
- 4.0 Grant Applications:**
  - 4.1** Carol reported that she and Bob had worked on the BIG Village Lottery Application, lodged on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 as required – approximate figures being £15,000 for Computer Equipment and Furnishing for Cyb-Org; £23,000 for new Heating System, and £12,000 for a new fitted 'basic kitchen', after discussions with the Lottery Funding Manager.
  - 4.2** Carol noted that there were twelve grants which we now know of for which we have the basic eligibility, before deeper research. Three of these have impending deadlines and could be researched and worked on between us ASAP, the others having rolling on timescales and can be tackled next.

- 4.3** Bob reported that an Open Day is to be held in Aylesbury on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to discuss Grant Availability for Groups such as ourselves – e.g. AVDC Community Chest, Vital Villages, BCF General Fund, Comic Relief, etc.; he, Alex and Mike to attend if appointments can be arranged – Bob to telephone in the morning.
- 4.4** Evidently the Architectural Heritage Fund might be able to pay for Professional Fees in securing a strategy in connection with the cracks in the building – but they do not give Grants for the work itself, although sometimes they can give loans; Bob will investigate.
- 4.5** John will speak to County and District Councillor Avril Davies as to the possibility of her granting funds to cover, perhaps, our Public Liability Insurance; he will also pursue an ‘Awards for All’ grant application – provided that he knows what he is to apply for, of course!
- 4.6** Agreed that Carol, Alex, John and Bob will form a ‘Grants Group’, and Mike offered that he and Jane would read through documents to offer further advice.
- 4.7** Carol to send ‘Advice on Applications Style’ document which she has received, to all.
- 4.8** Carol noted that she has received the offer of two Epson Printers for the Cyb-Org IT Hub, from Epson UK – she is in contact with the person who made the offer, who lives in Pitstone! Margaret Holliday from Dunstable has also offered used PC flat screens for the same Cyb-Org Hub.

## **5.0 Questions from Liz:**

- 5.1** Liz confirmed that the Theatre Group taking a sub-tenancy would be known as ‘Flametree Community Ltd.’, to be run as a Social Enterprise, as a ‘not-for profit’ organisation; the web-site would be flametreecommunity.org.
- 5.2** Liz asked for an estimate of dates for access? The meeting responded that provided the head-lease is available from Bucks C.C. by end of October 2012/early November 2012, then sub-leases should be available for January 2013 – although this could not be confirmed as yet.
- 5.3** Carol to give Liz contact details for Carole Wesley (bookings clerk for the Town Hall) and for Karen (who by this time had left the meeting due to the pressures of agriculture!).
- 5.4** Noted that the basis of the Community Asset Transfer from Bucks C.C. to our Group is that based on a 25 year lease at a peppercorn rent; part of that proposal is that the two sub-tenancies enjoy a three month rent-free period, then rent to be paid monthly to Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub.

## **6.0 NEXT MEETING:** to be agreed.

