

Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme

Chairman Gwen Griffiths: Secretary Janet Jaconelli: Treasurer Peter Towsey
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Group at 68 Sherrard's Close, Whissendine, Wednesday February 2011 at 10.00am

Present: Peter Towsey, Sue Spencer, Gwen Griffiths, Sally Moyce, Jeff Eaves and Janet Jaconelli

1. Apologies for Absence

Kate Sharpe

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on January 5th 2011

These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising.

a. Training

Kate had provided details of the First Aid courses offered by Voluntary Action Leicestershire and the one at Melton Mowbray on 22nd March looked suitable. Janet would email the volunteers and ask who would like to go. Janet and Sue would put together a survey to ask volunteers what training they would like us to arrange. The suggested meeting of volunteers would be held in April rather than March.

b. Happy Circle and Age Concern

Janet was co-ordinating transport for these 2 village lunches. It had been reported that the premises officer was not setting up tables as arranged and after contacting him he had undertaken to set them up for the Age Concern lunch if he was reminded by text but that he was unable to take them down due to childcare arrangements. Jeff Eaves agreed to do this each month.

c. Requests for information

Gwen had filled in an evaluation questionnaire for the Rural Communities council on the progress of the Parish Plan and GNS, which was well received. Kate Sharpe had asked for a short presentation at the Rural CC conference in Leicester and Janet had agreed to do this.

d. Befriending

The vicar was unwell so Sally had not contacted him. There were a couple of people who were experiencing health difficulties and Sally undertook to contact them to see if WGNS could help. The group needs more men to volunteer to befriend so Janet would send out an email asking for volunteers.

5. Finance and funding

Peter presented a breakdown of expenditure to date which would be placed on the web. Janet would match against the Grassroots funding. Kate Sharpe had been asked if there was a chance that we could roll the funding forward into 2011/12.

6. CRB checks

Nothing further had been heard from Rutland CC. despite a formal letter. However a news report said that the requirement for CRB checks for our sort of volunteer would not be required under new proposals by the coalition.

7. Website

Sue's tracking of the use of the site suggests that some were coming from outside the UK as they were looking online during the UK night. Sue was working on tidying up the code to make the site work faster. New stats were on the website; we had now achieved 383 occurrences of help against our target of 400.

8. Any other business.

a. The village library now had a large number of audio books but supply exceeded demand. Volunteers would be asked to remind their clients that they were available.

b. The Whissendine Scheme was working well and there were no plans to change or extend it at present. We had promised to review it after 1 year and deal with the suggestion that the village runs a LETS scheme.

Some of the Management Group would be interested in joining an Environmental Group but it was felt that this should be formed as a separate entity from the GNS. Gwen would contact people who had expressed an interest when the Parish Plan was prepared to see if they were still interested.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday March 9th 10am at Moat House 1a Station Road.