

WisARD
Working to make the Wisbech Area prosperous, pleasant and vibrant –
a place to be proud of
(Wisbech area Regeneration & Development Trust)

Minutes

Tuesday 29th April 2008 6.00pm

Council Chamber, North Brink, Wisbech

Present:

Richard Barnwell	Wisbech Rotary Club (Chairman)
David Oliver	Fotogenic
Brian Payne JP	Wisbech Society
Iain Stocks	Company Secretary
Penny Stocks	Tourism Group
Ben Rickett	Peckover House & Gardens
Alan Sherfield	Wisbech in Bloom
Kevin Smith	Horsefair Manager
Ray Wicks	Etcetera (Treasurer)
Alan Hamey	Private Member
Kathy Cornell	WisARD Development Officer
Roger Green	Wisbech Town Council

The Chairman thanked the Mayor and Wisbech Town Council for permitting WisARD to hold its Meeting in their Chamber.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Beel, Peter Clayton, Sarah Ledger, Jill Francis, Sarah Ledger, Michael Burrell, Chris Hodson, Leslie Mardle, Ann Purt, Michael Humphrey, Jayne Williams, Mac Cotterell.

2 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27th March 2008

In the absence of the secretary no written minutes were kept.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters reported.

4 Report of the Development Officer

Members received a copy of the report

5 Reports from Working Groups

Wisbech Institute.

David oliver gave an outline of the "You have been Fired Up " 2 day event based around Wisbech and its Institute. Very well reported and the Institute did receive very useful spin off both from the ideas of the candidates and in useful reports and information from the organisers East of England Market Towns.

Apple Day Meeting.

A Meeting of the group will be held tomorrow at 11 O'clock, at Octavia Hill Birth Place House.

6 Treasures Report

Nothing was prepared for the agenda items on either the Annual General Meeting or for the ordinary Agenda which followed. Treasurer mentioned that Kathy and Tony Davies had not received notice of the meeting. The Secretary would investigate.

Result of investigation.

Mr Tony Davies is still on the mailing list and is receiving all mail to the E-Mail address on his letter head out of courtesy. Obviously, was he not aware that he was still employed by us when he received the summons to the AGM? This may have added to the confusion. The AGM has resolved this and the minutes will show he is reappointed as Examiner.

Kathy Cornell.

A dot was missing on her e-mail address betwixt the k and the c. This has now been rectified.

However in future if any one is in doubt about a meeting, if they care to contact either Kathy or me we will know when next we meet.

Or they can look on the web site where the web master has placed information under "Meetings". To find us you don't even need the full address, only the word WisARD in Google will give you a list from which to pick the WisARD which refers to Wisbech.

7 Suggested New Projects

New Beepex Show. Very well attended local Business Fair. Should it be reborn?

Skills Audit . Urgently needed of the Group. In house who do we have who can do what

Wisbech Master Plan. What can we achieve with others?

Health Check. Must be resolved quickly, old one can no longer be relied on. Out of Date.

Derelict property in High Street. Brian Payne suggested that the District Council be advised about the state of High Street (It is little better now than it was 13 years ago when the Town Council made a formal report to FDC in fact in parts very definitely worse.)

Roger Green indicated his willingness to forcibly bring matters to a head with Cllr. Melton regarding Town Scape and Heritage Funding which is understood to be available, but nothing seems to happen.

8. Any Other Business

No matters were brought up that had not been dealt with in the agenda.

9 There being no further business the Chairman Closed the meeting at 19.35 hrs.