

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPINNEY PROJECT COMMITTEE ON
MONDAY 24 APRIL 2006 AT LLANFAIR HOUSE, ST MARY CHURCH**

PRESENT

Melanie O'Neill
Celia Leeke
Jim Teague
Lindsay Turner
Carolyn McKenzie
Tim McIlveen
Sarah Wallace

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from John Casey, Marian Hale and Angus Thody

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

3. MATTERS ARISING

Constitution – there is probably no need for the Spinney Committee to have a separate constitution to the residents Association to apply for grants

Update on progress with Church – communication has been slow from the PCC. A copy of every letter written from the Committee has been sent to Canon Belcher. Melanie is still awaiting a response from the PCC. Melanie will make an appointment with Canon Belcher. This matter was felt to be very unfortunate as progress in applying for a grant is being held up. Opportunities have been missed in starting work on the Spinney.

4. WEBSITE.

Angus Thody has not been able to take the website much further on due to pressure of work. Melanie asked if members of the Committee would agree to be responsible for individual items for inclusion on the website. The following was agreed:

History	Lindsay Turner
Events	Carolyn McKenzie
Church Information	Sarah to approach John Casey
Village information, e.g. bus timetables, dates of refuse collection, etc.	Jim Teague
Spinney Project information	Melanie O'Neill Sarah to send Angus copy Minutes in advance of meetings
Directions	Angus Thody
Walks	Alan Wilson via Angus Thody
Photo Gallery	Angus Thody (Jim Teague has several

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photographs which he will pass on to
Angus)
Angus Thody

5. FUNDING

Melanie has now starting applying for funding. Andy Hopkins has been invaluable in assisting with this.

An application for £12,000 is being made for a Biffa Award. The village lies within 10 miles of a landfill site which qualifies St Mary Church for an award. The amount applied for is based on a quote from Avian Community Business of £10,000, taking into account inflation and eventualities such as ongoing maintenance. Lindsay will check the application form to consider the environmental and biodiversity issues. The committee was asked to encourage people to write a letter supporting the project to accompany the application.

Lafarge Cement and Aberthaw Power Station have also been approached, together with the National Assembly for Wales for a CFAP award and also the Wales Council for Voluntary Action

6. QUIZ NIGHT

Llanfair Primary School hall has been booked. There is no charge for this. A drinks licence has been obtained. Peter O'Neill will organise the quiz, Tim McIlveen and Jim Teague have agreed to run the bar, James Mangles will have floats, and Sarah agreed to run the raffle. Melanie and Jan Pendle will be responsible for refreshments. Mary Hopkin and Helen Page will be responsible for the provision of food. Approximately 80 tickets have been sold.

7. TIME LOG

Committee members were asked to keep a record of the amount of time they are spending in their work on the Project. This will be quantified per hour as it is necessary to demonstrate the number of hours spent when applying for grants

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lindsey expressed her concern that removing and replacing topsoil might prove difficult in enhancing biodiversity. She suggested that this removal might be confined to the centre of the Spinney as a base for turfing. Melanie agreed that this would be the case, and also that shade-resistant turf would be used.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 24th May, 7.00 at Llanfair House