

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPINNEY PROJECT COMMITTEE  
ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006 AT LLANFAIR HOUSE, ST MARY  
CHURCH**

**PRESENT:**

**Melanie O'Neill  
Celia Leeke  
Carolyn McKenzie  
Angus Thody  
Jim Teague  
Lindsay Turner  
Sarah Wallace (Minutes)**

**(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**(2) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

**(3) MATTERS ARISING**

(4) The Cheese & Wine evening took place on 26<sup>th</sup> May and was very successful. David Sheen had been invited to attend but was unable to due to a previous engagement. Melanie will invite him and Canon Belcher to the village Barbecue. The amount raised at the Cheese & Wine evening was over £400, which has been banked, together with the proceeds of the Strawberry Tea (approximately £900). Jim reported that there are two Residents' Association Bank accounts – current a/c and savings a/c

**(4) PROGRESS WITH CHURCH**

Melanie has received a letter from Canon Belcher giving permission to go ahead with the work in the Spinney. He has asked that the Committee keep in regular contact with the representatives on the PCC for St Mary Church – David Ilsley and David Sheen. Melanie is to write to update Canon Belcher of the position with grants etc.

**(5) FUNDING**

The panel for the application for the Kickstart grant will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> July, and Melanie hopes to hear within a week of that whether the application for £5000 has been granted. VCVS have been very helpful and have checked the application. If the grant is made, it is hoped to start tree felling work in October/November.

The application to All Wales will require three months' Bank statements.

Autoglas will be approached as they have a sponsorship programme for community projects.

Melanie reported that she has met with representatives of NPower and has submitted a presentation pack. Locally they have agreed to sponsor a history

board for the village, probably with the words "Sponsored by Power" on the board. Nationally NPower is looking into funding the project.

The Residents Association has also joined VCVS, and an Equal Opportunities policy is now in place, which is necessary for the application process. This takes the form of a printed proforma.

It was agreed that people must be made aware of any tree felling. The trees to be felled must be marked, and also a notice should be put on the village notice board advising which trees are going to be felled and when. There should also be a representative from this Committee present when the felling takes place. Jim Teague agreed to write a flier to distribute around the village. It was also agreed that as much as possible the wood from the felled trees should be recycled, for example in the form of bird boxes and benches.

#### **(6) WEBSITE**

Geoff Simpson has suggested that a garden bird watch could take place, where residents could e-mail in what birdlife is in their garden.

A recommended tradesman's page for the site was also suggested.

#### **(7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sarah is to e-mail Minutes to Angus for the website.

Melanie is to update the website with the details of the progress on the Spinney.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 at Llanfair House.**