

Minutes of HAHVCC Trustees - Meeting – 11th April 2016 – Arkwright Hall

Present - Richard Massey, Peter White, Mark Benson, Richard Biggin

Apologies – None

- **Minutes of the meeting of 15th March - Approved**

- **Correspondence**

A reminder from Rural Action Derbyshire indicated that there was now a legal requirement for employers to pay the National Living Wage. **RM** to seek advice from MS Accounting on the implications for HAHVCC.

Trustees considered an email from David Gafney reporting on the steps considered necessary by AVBC planners to avoid the expiry of the present planning consent for the new Hall. **AGREED** that **PW** reply to David Gafney indicating that the Trustees were aware of the need to act to seek to the expiry of the present planning consent and that all possible steps were being taken to achieve this.

Trustees considered an email concerning a consultation by Derbyshire County Council on possible service reductions to public transport. **RESOLVED** that HAHVCC should make no response to the consultation as the matter fell outside the Trust's terms of reference.

- **Resources**

RB reported no further progress on the Hall's Endowment Fund but would continue to pursue the matter in relation to both capital sums and their accrued interest.

- **Publicity**

Holmag - No update report would be provided for Holmag until specific information on ongoing matters was available

HPC Website - These minutes will be published in the Trustees' section of the website. **RB** to speak to Paul Roberts to ensure that all HAHVCC material is fully up-to-date on the HAHVCC section of Holbrook Parish Council's website.

Other - **PW** to inform Holbrook Parish Council (HPC) that HAHVCC is willing to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan presentation that HPC propose to make at Holbrook Village Fete on July 9th

Local Press / Local publications - **AGREED** issue press notices at key stages in the project

Rural Action Derbyshire - provide same "key stage" material to them.

- **Grant Aid**

National Lottery Grants - Advice to **RM** having indicated that VAT might not be payable on some aspects of the new Hall project, it was **RESOLVED** to update cost estimates, including **RB** to contact local demolition contractors. **RM** to contact the Lottery Fund on the basis of these revised estimates and discuss the criteria for the acceptance of applications for Grant Aid. If the present estimated funding shortfall could be reduced to manageable proportions, **RESOLVED** to contact past, present and prospective Hall users to seek their help in closing the funding shortfall.

- **Options for Development**

If the measures outlined in the paragraph above on Grant Aid were not successful, other development options still remained to be considered, including a refurbishment option on which preliminary enquiries had been made by **MB** and a possible cheaper newbuild option.

- **Business Plan**

RM reported that the HAHVCC accounts 1/4/2015 to 31/3/2016 indicated a very small surplus.

RM to continue to update present Business Plan. Substantive new Business Plan to be prepared in relation to a final approved new project

- **Any Other Business**

Malcolm Rhodes to be asked to supervise the use of the Hall for EU Referendum voting 23/6/2016. **MB** to stand by in reserve in case Malcolm was not available.

Proposals for crown reduction of trees in front of hall had been approved by AVBC officers and would be carried out according to **RM's** annotated photographs. **RM/RB** to seek competitive tenders.

Fire safety inspection arranged **RM** had been carried out.

Reminder - the Board of Trustees was still lacking one member from Holbrook Parish Council. **RM** as Chair of HPC to rectify this.

- **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday May 10th 7.30pm Arkwright Hall. (**RM to book an appropriate room**)