

BUSCA Trustee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 28th September 2022

1. Welcomes

In attendance: Fiona, Nicola, Frances, Judith, David, Chris, Lin, Steve, Betty

Roy Bird (guest)

Welcome to Roy, joining us as interested in being involved in the community association.

2. Apologies

Brian, Ceri, Helen, Val, Craig

3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th May 2022

Proposed true reflection by Judith, second Betty

Vote – true reflection – all in favour

4. Matters arising

JR - Item 6 in the agenda will cover certain matters regarding PC leaflets etc...

5. Financial matters

DR – general account, little movement in or out. Insurance was paid out of the community building fund. BV now seems to be on a stable footing and from the 1st Jan has had its own fund – allocated capital. Fund increased by £831. Fund stands to pay for a couple of editions.

JR does not feel that BV is on a stable footing. Judith is worried that the financial situation in the country may mean businesses may not return to advertising. Printing and paper prices have gone up dramatically.

Roy – happy to help to calculate the funds for BV.

The £1000 from British Gypsum is part of the fund for BV.

EW – could the loss of the village diary be mended by groups putting adverts in the BV?

JR – this is a good idea. Could EW look into that and maybe communicate with them?

JR – we should return to village diary, but no one takes it on.

EW – BUSCA website is not up to date.

DR - Someone has to be happy to do the job!

DR – Library September meeting, August finances – 1st April – 31st Aug, trading income = £169.

Library is solvent on a day-to-day basis.

General funds at end of period £10786.

Development fund has paid for the solar panels, but grant hasn't come in yet.

DR – look to be healthy finances.

JR – PC £11000 grant.

Steve Crossley – BATS

Ticket sales £5051 for Red Riding Hood.

Bank balance £15000.

Murder Mystery is upcoming, for next meeting.

Invested in a SumUp card reader machine.

Disadvantage is you need WIFI for the machine to work.

Murder Mystery food and wine on sale or return. SC will report back on success, or not.

JR – what have you already paid out for Legally Blonde? SC not able to tell us – SC not concerned.

6. Display boards and leaflet dispensers

FL – Alice at PC contacted FL about display board outside the Library. Would BUSCA be able to split the cost to refurbish the board with PC? £886. £443 to pay.

DR – proposed that it would be a good idea.

JR – locks us into semi-possession again, for the village – is a good idea.

DR – proposed – seconded by Betty. All in favour.

JR – Leaflets in stock.

Has seen weatherproofed leaflet holders, and approached the PC to see if there could be a leaflet holder on Millenium Park information board.

PC meeting on 11th October – hoping to get OK from BUSCA to pay half for leaflet dispensers.

Park information boards is a good way to get leaflets out there.

EW – Could they be put on the Library board?

DR – are the leaflet holders performing a useful purpose? Do we know if they are being picked up or vandalized? Can we start small?

JR – let's give it a try. They can be removed if it doesn't work.

All in favour.

JR has 75 welcome packs. JR will ask PC if they like the new people having welcome packs – would the PC like to go halves in producing more wallets?

DR – feels it is a good initiative.

7. BUSCA is 50

EW – Family concerns. Is unable to front the event anymore.

Booked the Baptist Church. Idea was to have an evening about the last 50 years of BUSCA. Entertainment, food. Elders have granted that each person can have a drink.

Asked several people to be entertainment.

EW wanted to set up a French café in the Gap.

Saturday 26th November.

FL – we should definitely recognise the 50th anniversary.

The trustees need to come together to support the event and take on responsibilities.

Can we speak to Youth Theatre to come and perform?

FL and NN happy to support the event and push it forward.

FL suggested to form a small committee to support the event.

FL – email Lin following this meeting.

We will then invite members to the committee.

JR – should we think about the budget?

EW – provided FL with a members list. There are also other people who need to be invited who have been involved in BUSCA in the past 50 years. EW will need help from all trustees to pass names on.

JR & Betty and Roy happy to be involved.

EW – take all the elements of BUSCA and showcase them during the evening.

EW – budget, Charge for the Baptist. 6pm – 10pm booked.

Frances – it is a thank you. People should be invited, not charged.

An increase can be OK'd via email if needed.

£10 a head – David proposed, Frances seconded. All in favour.

8. BUSCA and the community – what do they want?

FL – Proposing that we go and speak to people about BUSCA and what the community want from the village.

What is it that the community feel they are missing?

Could we focus on this to raise money for?

We need to canvas public opinion. BV to have a link to online questionnaire.

EW – if the community don't know or understand about BUSCA, how can they ask what we can do?

Frances – could the library be involved to hold questionnaires? And to canvas the public.

The Christmas market will be a good place to canvas the public and talk to local groups.

9. AOB

i) BUSCA stall at Xmas market

FL – We need volunteers to run the stall please.

Trustees asked to contribute an hour of their time.

DR – please provide a script/questionnaire for stall holders to go from.

Roy – what does the next 50 years look like? Let the village know what the past 50 years was and where we want to go.

ii) BUSCA Xmas tree at Christmas Tree Festival – decorations (Fiona)

FL – will need some help.

Decorations could be linked to the 50 years.

Frances – celebration tea for Judith. A memory book is being produced for Judith, and has asked for BUSCA to contribute towards. Frances proposed, FL seconded. All in favour. Abstain JR and DR.

JR – item needed on each agenda for sub group updates. Trustees need to know what is going on.

JR – BUSCA stall at Christmas – Mike Collins has the kit to illuminate the BUSCA stall.

JR – PC has asked JR to have a look at the sculptures on Fossil Trail near the war memorial, as they are looking a little worn.

JR – FL will need to get the annual report underway. This can be done via email.

10. Date and place of the next meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Library