

Minutes of a Meeting of Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust held on Thursday 16th July 2015

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Patron: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales

Date: Thursday 16th July 2015

Time: 7.30

Venue: Tetbury Town Council Offices



1. Attendance

Present: John Andrews, Peter Atkinson, Will Cook, Barrie Doyle, Mary Doyle, Stephen Hirst, Caroline Morgan, Brecon Quaddy, James Scurlock, David Walker, Carolyn Witcher

Apologies: Sue Stoner

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2015

It was proposed by Barrie Doyle, seconded by John Andrews that these be approved.
Agreed by all present.

3. Matters arising

There were none

4. Joint working with Tetbury Town Council

- a. Council have received one set of drawings from the architect and we hope to see them soon
- b. Fencing has been erected round the platform and work should start on Tuesday next. The cost of the fencing is £1000 but it should be possible to re-sell it. The Town Council have paid this out of the money they hold for the Trust. Will has bought sand and cement and will present the bills to the treasurer. The risk assessment is complete and identified a need to buy steel toe cap boots for those working on the platform.
- c. We are awaiting an estimate of building costs with the changes that have now been made to the plans.
- d. A request was received from Julian Benton to put in access for a house from the Rail lands. This was not favourably received.

5. Funding and business planning

- a. Treasurer's report. A report was presented showing a balance today in the bank of £26,514.
- b. Report from Funding Group/progress of current bids
 - No progress to report with the bids this month
 - Barrie reported that the Town Council had set the architect a target of £500,000 and if that is met, the shortfall will be 40,800
- c. Joint Business planning

6. Business sponsorship

The production of the calendar is sponsored by local businesses. It is hoped that it will be finished and ready for sale in October. One business in the town has already paid their £250 sponsorship and more are expected soon.

7. **Amend governing document CRM 0380177**

Our charter with The Charities Commission at present allows us to fund-raise but it does not permit us to run an arts centre. Barrie had been in touch with TCC and had been advised that the following wording should be added to the current object:

To operate an Arts Centre in the refurbished Railway Goods Shed in Tetbury for charitable, educational, recreational and community development purposes

This to be checked with Julia Hasler and also Barrie to find out whether other art centres in the area have done this

8. **Rail track bed developments**

Will has been in touch but there is no update. The number of GCC staff working on this has been reduced. We still hope for a hearing in September

9. **Events**

i Update on The Goods Shed Calendar Photography for the calendar has started and committee members were reminded of the volunteer photo shoot on Saturday. Railway memorabilia had been obtained from Swindon and Cricklade Railway Enthusiasts and it was agreed to make them a donation of £150

ii Mad Hatter's Tea Party – this was a great success and made £964. Members of a Japanese television company were delighted to film the event which is likely to be shown in Japan

iii Art in the Park – organisers were disappointed to discover that St Mary's Primary School had their fete on the same day but even so a good number of people, came including a number of young people who had not visited the shed before. There was an accident and correct procedures were followed using the accident book and first aid kit, and the patient was taken to Cirencester hospital with a broken toe. He admitted that it was entirely his own fault and he was impressed at the care he received from Will.

iv Malmesbury Singers gave us a lovely concert in Christchurch. It was well attended and they said they would like to come again. They recorded the concert so that a copy could be sent to Sue

v Car Boot Sale Although no cars turned up plenty of people came to browse and there were a number of table top stalls in the shed. £250 was raised and we were presented with a cheque for £1000 by Louise Verity who has a dressmaking business in the town and is interested in our project. She hopes to help further. Maybe in the winter, table top sales are the way to go!. The next Car Boot Sale is the same day as the Summer Show. It was decided this would not be a problem

vi Summer Show . David and Graham are planning to take the train in the parade – they will need pushers. Arrangements for the summer show were discussed and it was agreed we should book a table and possibly have a raffle and the usual badges and mugs. Mary has given us a painting and we have framed prints for sale. We could have a plant stall

vii Fun Run This is starting and finishing at The Goods Shed. We could put on a display of our plans etc but we are not providing refreshments.

viii Heritage Weekend 12/13 September. We will open the Goods Shed on both days. There will be displays and the Goods Shed model on show. On Saturday Brecon and David will be there. David is making a cover for the model railway which will also be on display

ix Sculpture Show Barrie has been in touch with the sculptors who exhibited last year and they would like to return. He is also in contact with another group who may be interested. He suggested it should run from 1st – 21st October. There is an Italian weekend in the town during that time – but that may bring more people into the town. Barrie has agreed to set up

and take down the exhibition but will be on holiday in the middle. It was agreed we should advertise more widely this time – in Bath and Bristol maybe. It was asked whether we could have any sculptures outside? Barrie hopes we will sell more sculptures this time. If we have the Car Boot that month, it will have to take place outside.

x Folk Evening 19th September Will suggested that we should put on a folk event to raise money for Leckhampton Hospice where Sue received care and eventually died. Jim is keen to help and the hospice will help with advertising and support us

xi Walk no further news

xii Advertising This was discussed and it was suggested that an advertisement in The Advertiser may not be worth the money for often we have found that people have not been aware of them. A banner seems to reach more people. We are increasing using the railings on the corner of Park Road. Maybe leaflets put through doors would be more effective. Should we have more items to sell eg scarves with railway lines? Bags with our logo on the side? Should we have a printed tee shirt to wear at events as a kind of uniform? Teatowels? Lots of ideas and Jo Gale agreed to find out more.

We hope to have our annual carol sing in the shed and then we hope that building will start in the new year. It was agreed that we should try to have all events planned at the beginning of the year

10. **Date of next meeting - Thursday 20th August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town Council Offices.**