

Wadlow Community Liaison Group (CLG) Minutes, 12 October 2010

In attendance: Cllr Mark Russell (MR) – West Wrating
Cllr Nigel Job (NJ) – West Wrating
Cllr Ray Vidler (RV) – Weston Colville
Cllr Sally Ramus (SR) – Great Wilbraham
Cllr Sara Himsworth (SH) - Balsham
Cllr Jan Cassidy (JC) - Balsham
Cllr John Batchelor (JB) – County Councillor
Cllr Susan Lee (SL) – Six Mile Bottom and Little Wilbraham
Cllr Richard Barrett (RB) – District Councillor
Cllr Nigel Start (NS) – Great Wilbraham
Cllr John Williams (JW) - Fulbourn
Christine White (CW) – Six Mile Bottom and Little Wilbraham
Cllr Sisse McCall (SM) – West Wrating
Amy Bambridge (AB) RES
Phil Briscoe (PB) Bellenden
Milan Bogunovic (MB) Bellenden
Jane Darlington (JD) Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

Venue: West Wrating Village Hall

Date: 12 October 2010

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the members to the fourth Wadlow wind farm CLG meeting. He asked the group to introduce themselves for the benefit of those present at the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given on behalf of Cllr Prue Addecott (Six Mile Bottom and Little Wilbraham), Cllr Brian Cushion (Weston Colville), David Cox (RES) and Matthew Horn (Bellenden).

3. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman moved to discuss amendments to the previous set of minutes. SR stated that she would like to see representation of people's positions highlighted on the minutes; majority of others present agreed. SM asked that Little Wilbraham not be ignored in the minutes. The Chairman agreed to changes made.

4. Matters Arising

The Chairman asked if anyone had any matters arising that were not covered in the following points of the agenda. None were raised.

5. Presentation by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

The Chairman welcomed JD from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) and invited JD to give her presentation.

JD explained that the CCF could help with the organisation and administrative support of the community fund for Wadlow. She continued to explain that CCF is an independent, local, registered charity which was set up in 2004, staffed by three people and has a voluntary board of twelve members (one of which is the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). The aim of the organisation is to help local people, organisations, businesses and charities. CCF is one of fifty five foundations in the UK.

The important fact JD highlighted a number of times was that donors do not give to the CCF but through the CCF. She highlighted that over 30 donors have given over £2 million since its creation in 2004, with the majority given to grass roots driven projects (JD used the term a connecting body for community groups).

JD then gave a list of reasons why donors give through the CCF such as: reduced admin burden; raise awareness/communicating with hundreds of groups, inviting them to seek funding; Handles all reporting to the charities commission on behalf of the donor; visit groups as they apply/offer guidance and support; have tried and tested sets of process for applicants and donors; defined purpose of funding, which also follow the donors wishes; establishment of a client/donor panel; detailed feedback given to successful and unsuccessful applicants.

Following the explanation of what the CCF does, JD then pitched why the CCF would be ideal to manage the Wadlow community fund. JD highlighted that it would be for a panel of the Wadlow community fund to identify what areas the fund can be used for and then put on the projector screen the CCF website and their contact details (www.cambscf.org.uk).

6. Questions on the Foundation

MR Can you give a definition of the levels of grants and how groups would apply? JD replied that there are two application processes, one under £900 and one over £900. The lowest current application is for £100. As well as this people/groups that have no support, we can give them all the help and we cater for small sums.

MR I am a trustee of another organisation, numerous restrictions are set out, how would you assess these restrictions? JD The charities commission highlights all the criteria we follow.

JB Understanding exclusion of religious organisations in applying, how can projects such as a new church roof be applied for or can they be applied for under the CCF objectives. What is the purpose of these objectives? JD Would not allow single religious or political purposes. Community engagement projects are fine. AB Highlighted that this is a RES Document with concepts about what could be funded, but it is flexible to change.

JB Under the heads of terms RES employing CCF, who runs and controls the Wadlow Community Fund? NB stated that it needed to go back to the group that firstly set up the heads of terms. MR to change point group was imported under heads of terms. Chair agreed a redrafted heads of terms to be re-circulated to committee members for feedback.

SR what timings/timetable do people have to apply for the community fund. JD suggested a quarterly or six monthly panel dates with applications submitted two/three weeks before hand but this was up to the panel to stipulate.

SR how many a year? JD up to the panel to decide.

JB How do you hold the money and what happens if you go broke? JD Can't use the money without the panel's authorisation; if CCF goes bankrupt, the money would be passed to another charity group doing the same or similar job or back to the panel. The panel would have a clear say over how the money is invested and spent.

MR How long does it take to set up? JD it days to set up the fund's paper work. RV when does RES want it set up? AB, No later than 2012 (Construction End) ideally before the spring (April).

7. Wadlow Site Update

AB read from an email due to the project manager's (David Cox) absence. She stated, nothing major to report

MR asked is a newsletter going out, AB on her list of things to do.

8. Future Meeting Dates

AB proposed the 29th November, JC asked if the meetings could be held on any other date than a Tuesday.

SL highlighted that their Parish Council meeting was not until December. MR asked that the heads of terms are ready for the next meeting. The Chair suggested the next meeting to be held on Monday 6th December, 7pm at West Wrattling Village Hall.

9. Any Other Business

No other business highlighted to the meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30pm