



Minutes of Board Meeting – 2nd of March 2011

Attendees: Ken Hamilton (KH), Rosa Wright (RW), Chris Easton (CE), David Tootil (DT), Germán Rodríguez (GR), Giles Godard, (GG), Natalie Bell (NB), George Cochrane (GC)

Apologies: Richard Bridge (RB), Abigail Tripp (AT), David Clarson (DC), Sara Coyte (SC),

Conflicts of interest

KH mentioned that could be a conflict of interest if they were to discuss planning issues at St John's Church because at least two people at the meeting have outside interest in this issue. No other conflicts declared.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Accepted

Matters Arising

GG noted that the Living Memory – Heritage Project and Tenants, Residents Associations support group event held at John's Church on the 19th of February had been a complete success. It had a good turn out, people's feedback was very positive, and they liked the event

Bid writing and Fundraising Mentoring Scheme.

In relation to bids and fundraising, those present agreed that it is of vital importance to the scheme to establish some criteria about:

1. How many groups can be supported
2. If there are too many groups seeking assistance how would groups be selected for support
3. Who will provide direct support to these groups
4. Are there organisations capable of providing support to these groups in addition to their current roles?

Living Space

CE mentioned that OASIS did a Community Audit and only two people turned up. He said he is still trying to find out what the budget is around Living Space and what the future plans are before a steering committee is put together.

Financial Report

The financial records show an unrestricted balance of £787.98 and current balance of £2,724.98 at the end of February. The recent cash flow figures shown to the board committee for the last month were as follows: WaCoCo had total expenditure of £5,938 paid to different projects such as: WCDG last administration fee for the Community Audit, South Bank Forum and the recent community events for the Tenants and Residents Associations support group.

GR estimates that for the remaining months of the second half of the financial year from Nov 2010 to March 2011 WCDG services would cost no more than £1500 so there should not be any problems covering WCDG expenses with the current balance.

LFN Funding and work focus for 2010/2011

RB needs to update the Board members about the current funding situation and what took place at the last LFN meeting that he attended in 14th February

Elizabeth House Presentation

George Cochrane explained to those present the scope of the Elizabeth House project saying that at this early stage the developers want to collect feedback from the local residents and link them with the design of the building, but he noted that the building is going to be only for offices. He also revealed that columns will lift the building from the ground and provide a shady area that pedestrians can enjoy.

A.O.B

Those present were concerned about the situation with the shops in the Cut. Landlords are dramatically increasing rent prices and as a result shops have closed. It is believed that big food chains want to take occupancy in many of the shops.