

# **Holme Hill Community Buy- out Group**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 Churches House Annex**

### **1. Present**

Rosemary Bland  
Alison Brown  
Caroline Crawford  
Andrew Gould  
Gerard Hastings (Chair)  
Steve Mason  
John Sneddon  
David Topliff  
Deirdre Wilson  
Malcolm Wilson  
David Wooley  
Paula Wooley

### **2. Apologies**

Jim Bennett  
Sylvia Jackson  
Paul Jones  
Margaret Stewart  
David Totten

### **3. Minutes**

An objection was raised that the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005 had failed to note queries concerning progress made on TPOs and on the request for Charitable Status for Holme Hill Limited.

#### TPOs

It was made clear that approaches to Stirling Council had been made both by the Community Council, and by Caroline Crawford on behalf of Holme Hill, but that there had been no response to date. David Wooley agreed to pursue this.

#### Charitable Status

Approaches have been made to the Charities Commission. It was pointed out that Holme Hill's request is not typical, and that the process always takes time. It is now in the hands of Government lawyers. The observation that it would be hugely to our advantage to obtain Charitable Status was not challenged.

The Minutes were then accepted.

### **4. Update**

It was reported that the Ceilidh held on 10<sup>th</sup> September was a success. It raised £430.00. Thanks were proffered to all who helped. Particular gratitude was expressed to the Band who generously donated their time, to Sue Harley, who organised publicity, to Sarah Aldred, who organised ticket sales, and to Margaret Stewart, who organised raffle prizes.

### **5. Appeal**

The Appeal will be heard on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **6. Finance Group Report**

It was reported that we have paid £1200 to date in legal charges. The final cost remains uncertain. We have £2000 in the bank. The Treasurer suggested that this is not a comfortable margin. It was agreed that Fund raising now depends on the success of the Prospectus. It was recognised that while it

is uncertain how successful this will be, it was vital that it should be well produced, of good quality, personalised, and perhaps hand delivered.

The sub group responsible for the Delivery of the Prospectus was extended to include Steve Mason, Caroline Crawford, Andrew Gould and Rosemary Bland. The sub group was remitted to identify the addressees, organise the printing and distribution. The distribution should be **completed** by **October 15<sup>th</sup>.2005**

It was stressed again that obtaining public subscription was essential if we are to hope to raise the necessary funds.

John Sneddon agreed to approach local legal firms to handle donations.

### **7. Communications Group.**

No report. Alison Brown volunteered to convene a new communications group. Malcolm Wilson to approach Paul Jones. It was suggested that the production of badges and car stickers should be organised.

### **8 Events.**

It was agreed that events should concentrate on raising awareness and pulling the Community together, rather than on small scale fund raising.

A Halloween Party is planned for October 29<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to hold this at the Braeport Centre, and should include a Scary Witches Walk on Holme Hill.

John Sneddon to check availability of the Braeport Centre and possible clashes with other events.

### **9. AOCB.**

It was pointed out that Holme Hill is perceived as an issue local to those living near the Hill. It was stressed, again, that we must communicate with the whole of Dunblane.

Tree Preservation Orders. It was suggested that members should lobby Local Councillors. Agreed.

### **10. Next Meeting** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Deirdre Wilson  
September 2005