

DRA trustees meeting 14th March 2023 by zoom

Present Louise Morpeth (acting chair), Margaret Cushen (secretary), Will Fitzgerald, Mark Alford, Bex House, Jim Brittain, Joel Riley, Jan Maddick, Uma Oliver, Urzula Kossakowska, Karen Dorow, Mandy Burton, Mark Burton, Ashish Ghadiali

Apologies: Olivia Doherty, Michela Delamere.

Louise welcomed everyone.

Notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Matters arising none that are not on the agenda

Chair's report Louise briefly described the DRA its' responsibilities and functioning.

She highlighted the two major projects- pool refurbishment and community centre rebuild. She said the agenda could be addressed as items for information (many of the reports previously distributed), secondly items for decisions and finally items for discussion. All the papers can be found

<https://d.docs.live.net/d40a4eb4677bb861/Documents/DRA/Trustees%5eMAGM/papers%2014.3.23>

Finance

Louise reported the current financial position but had not been able to complete a report for this meeting, she will circulate a draft end of financial year report in April. Louise presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024, see the above link. She explained the organisation of the budget -enabling us to understand the income and expenditure for the community centre separately from the rest, the draw down from reserves proposed and that TD+MFC user fees are in the "other" category.

Louise proposed that the reserves need to be increased to £40,000 to cover uncertainties in income.

Bex pointed out that to support a heated swimming pool, the DRA will need a larger reserve. Louise suggested that for 23-24 the balance proposed is correct.

Acceptance of the budget and revised reserves was proposed by Mandy Burton and seconded by Jan Maddick.

Community Centre

Joel as chair of the building group, informed trustees of the difficulties being faced by one of the businesses. The management group have been urging the board of the business to meet with us for many weeks now, a meeting is scheduled for later this week. If the management group think the DRA need to act, an extraordinary trustees meeting will be called to discuss the options and decide.

Charity Commission

Margaret explained that the DRA needs to bring its list of trustees on the CC website up to date. She will circulate the Charity Commission “role of a trustee” document to all trustees and representatives asking everyone to accept or decline the role of trustee so that we can inform the commission.

Will said he was sorry our education representatives were mainly absent. Bex maintains regular contact with the schools through Earth Jump project work however we hope to see the schools again taking an active part in the DRA board. Karen is happy to communicate with the Wave Academy.

Energy sustainability

Jim’s flyer for a half day in May was circulated- see the link. He asked whether we wanted to decide the date in this meeting. Louise suggested a doodle poll to ensure all the trustees have input. Jim agreed to this.

Air Ambulance

Proposal circulated with the papers – see the link. Will explained that the approach had been made to DRA pre-covid. Dartington Trust are favourable and the Parish Council are interested. Louise asked those present if they agreed to Will exploring the proposal further and bring the final decision back to trustees once the details are known.

All agreed

Mugga

Report see the link above. Bex asked the board to agree the use of S106 money for goals, line markings and a new fence. The goals would be moveable, but locked into the tarmac. Half the area would be lined as a football pitch. A basketball hoop would require planning permission, so will not be installed.

Agreed

Bike track

The bike club is up and running again. Repairs are planned including the removal of one problematic tree.

Playpark

Maintenance is undertaken regularly following inspections.

Green Vision

Bex has secured funding for the development of a green vision

Pool

Bex’s report see link. Pre planning has been done. A flood risk assessment, drainage and ecology reports are required, as expected. The developer has agreed in principle that the S106 money (£70,000) can be held unspent till May 2026. The

plan is to open the pool in 2025. Urszula highlighted the need to build an asset bank to draw on for fundraising bids and publicity, Louise offered any assistance required.

Pavilion

Report in the link

Football

Mark A informed us that the club has now recruited more volunteers to help with the hugely successful junior football. DBS checks are awaited to enable them get started, including volunteers for the girls' sessions. The club now has over 200 child and adult members.

Dive club

Report in the link

Any other business none

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23rd May 2023 by zoom. Reports by 21st May