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## Management Committee Minutes July 30<sup>th</sup> 2008

### Management Committee Meeting

Zena Pollard, Alan Stone, Chris Inchley, Jo Christoforides,  
Lorraine Pratten, Margaret Robinson, Paul Hooper, Rob Gilderthorp, Mike Perry

Apologies for absence

Guy Braga  
Dave Brown  
John Parham

### **Shepton in Bloom**

Margaret Robinson said she had heard that it is in danger, and felt that it is very important indeed that we keep it going.

More volunteers are needed, and people willing to muck in. It was wondered if we can tie up some sponsoring? Everybody agreed how important it is to the town.

Zean and Mike will contact Roger Eddy and report back.

It was noted that watering is very expensive.

### **Chairman's Report**

Concerts in Collett Park went very well. The first was rained off but the others raised, £58, £78 and £98 respectively, which is also indicative of the audiences. Even for the last Sunday, which were Flashpoint Intolerant and George Paris, many older people came.

As a general observation, we need to think more about all that we do – how to do it better.

Zena said she had done a report for the website, and asked Mike to check the wording and the pictures.

Multi agency workshop - awaiting report.

Zena mentioned there are several 'ideas in progress' that need clarifying before presenting them to the committee.



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There was a good meeting with Andrew Hambley-Smith about the possibility of a film club at the Academy.

It is hoped that David will take over Links from Guy Braga.

Facelift rather takes care of itself.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We are paid up to date, but Mendip is no longer the accounting body and we need to think about our legal status. We have PI cover under public liability.

Alan mentioned that the new Companies' Act comes into force in October and will ask around about the possible implications for S21.

### **Organisational Development**

This not quite ready for presentation yet. Zena is talking to Monty Saul, Somerset Market Towns Forum, and others.

One suggestion is that having a central pot might be a better way of going about things, but there are disadvantages.

On the plus side, it gives access to other funding as they get informed about grants and projects; being a national facilitator they also open doors to more funding. However, there is an inevitable loss of control, particularly local control. Alan commented that the Old Mill Group steer clear and give out money on an individual basis.

It was decided that we would not make any commitment until all are agreed.

### **Market**

Lorraine Pratten, Stuart Finney, Stuart Beeton, and Kada Green met to discuss the market.

More stalls are coming

Lisa Harvey – Throws

Zoe Stead – Ethnic Clothes

Andy Brookes – Plants (not coming in August)

Brown Cow Organics

Wooton Organic Dairies – Sheep's Cheese

Lovely Jubbly – A Juggler

Stuart Beeton suggest we reinstate the subsidised bus on a Friday and Mike said he'd look into it. The questioning of advertising came up and it was noted that there will be a review of



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all the signs in Shepton Mallet undertaken by the Chamber, Area Regeneration and S21 which will include signs for the market.

### **Event Licences**

Paul Hooper suggested that we could save money by 'gridding' the park, so that we could get 12 on one temporary event licence.

### **Facelift**

One project is underway and that will be a good one to publicise – One Craft Gallery. We need photo of scaffolding. (Mike and or Paul.)

Ian Jarmaine is ready to proceed with the Stumbles Inn. Dredge and Male will be using the THI for some desperately needed work.

Alan to bring up through Better Businesses bank preparation support.

### **Historic Plaques**

Paul Tomlinson brought this up. Size is now A3 with 70 words and one photograph. Alan has sent him corrections. Not known what media. Some photos not good enough. Lorraine and Alan to meet Paul.

### **Links Group**

Nothing substantial.

### **CATEC**

Consultants are in touch, and finding out what we want. Strode could dilute things because the training side may go in to Whitstone.

### **Youth Group**

Nothing further has been heard about the youth café..

BMX – a very positive meeting with Stuart Finney who will put a seat up for the kids to use while they're watching..

There's a problem with the football club. MDC won't extend lease by 3 years, putting at risk future of youth pitch. It is hoped that Stuart can do something.



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Youth forum has had three meetings and they group are very keen. They are all girls in the 13-14 age group and have come up with some very definite and positive ideas.

They wanted to see more colour at the bottom of Town St in the flowerbed. They were concerned about the improved area by the war memorial, and about the River Sheppey.

It would be great to see them write an article, maybe on the website.

Chris is generally very pleased with the way it is going.

The young people would like flowers on the way in to market at the corner of Great Ostry.

Radstock got some money together to do this sort of thing – we should ask them how they did that.

Jo wondered if they could they have a place on the website? Mike said he would set them up their own.

We will get back to them about a camera club, digital arts, cinema etc.

## **B & W**

Discussions with Mendip, Somerset, RDA and B&W. Meetings with project managers. What to do? Nothing has happened since April.

Need to firm up ideas.

Lorraine says the biggest problem is the main road. Can't believe there are no cycle tracks.

Guy has emailed Bob Reid who has now joined Sustrans. The whole area really bad for cycle paths. Perhaps we should pressurise MDC?

## **Secretary's Resignation**

It was felt that Zena needed to take advice about Carol's request for a signed contract of employment after she resigned.

## **AOB**

## **Calendar**



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A second draft of the calendar is available, of which some are from Rob's collection of vintage postcards.

There are not enough new photographs for competition, and it is felt that we must get something out now. It needs a year if we are to have a competition for photos of Shepton.

### **Food Crawl**

Alan is putting this together for the 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Peppers, Deli and TIC will sell tickets. Lorraine will get commission and £150 for servicing the ticket sales.

### **Better Business for Shepton 21**

Alan went to Kilver St to see about something else and spotted a super room there, and it was felt it would be very helpful to involve them more generally.

If they do the buffet, they won't charge for the room.

### **BBC**

Paul Hooper has had long discussions with the BBC. It's a mess and everything is in a state of flux. Radio Bristol split frequencies with Somerset Sound, and the reporter has retired. There is nothing now south of the Mendips.

West Country and ITV are making 50% of staff redundant. Used to give BBC tickets for events and prizes, but new guidelines say that no station can accept gifts of prizes; the local station has to buy them.

All local contacts now have to be very strategic. Still in Points West area. Jo said she would enquire a bit.

Can't get Radio Bristol in Ditchat.

### **Other**

Guy who was unable to attend had asked that the Scrapstore be mentioned. They are a national charity and may be a way in to the local businesses.

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Zena encouraged people to attend the Pre Show Party at the Mid Somerset Show and let Nick Marsh know about tickets.

Shepton 21 banners to go up at the Show.