



**Management Committee Meeting  
Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Kings Arms in Shepton Mallet**

**PRESENT**

Zena Pollard, Rob Gilderthorp, Alan Stone, Dave Brown,  
Chris Inchley, Mike Perry, Margaret Robinson, Lorraine Pratten

**APOLOGIES**

Sonia Pike, Guy Braga, Janet Kinison, Paul Hooper, Jo Christoforides

Paul Tomlinson attended the first part of the meeting to update on Facelift Project and Historic Plaques

**FACELIFT**

Paul provided a report (*see appendix*) on the current position regarding applications and works agreed. There have been eight successful applications for funding totalling £19 427.65.

Work on One Craft has been completed. The Swan is almost finished. Delicious Deli are selling so the application is effectively withdrawn. Sunrise Chinese Restaurant is half done. Grants for Philips Tyres, 59 and 61 High Street have been agreed. Philips Tyres have bought the Nat West car park and will advise us if and when they wish to proceed. We await news from both 59 and 61 High Street. Grant for 21 Town Street (Mums and Tums) has been approved. (Lorraine will enquire when work is likely to start.) 33 High Street (Pink Banana) and 2 Commercial Road (Indian Restaurant) applications have been sent out and we are awaiting return. MP is meeting with Paul and will confirm 61 High Street..

MP to do Press Release. (*Done*)

**HISTORIC PLAQUES**

Paul reported that he is getting a sample plaque done and hopes to have the remainder up by the end of March. We have listed building consent for all but one. Alan asked for reassurances about the durability of the plaques. Paul confirmed the plaques will be made using an acid resist ink etching process. Guy had intended to pay for the plaques from the regen budget but that is not available. Section 106 is fallback position.

**EMPTY SHOPS**

MR suggested an artwork project to liven up empty shop windows; she has been approached by a resident. MP to approach the schools. We have done this before. Good links to Landlords. MP to approach Andrew Edwards for assistance. Condensation inside can be a problem and artworks would have to be carefully chosen. Rowena Kinsman at One Craft Gallery to be asked to assist. Paul Tomlinson happy to help, MP to liaise. To be included at the Shepton Action Group (SHAG) meeting of retailers.

Paul Tomlinson then left the meeting.



#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Correct apologies. Add MR, Dick Skidmore.

DB said that he had made the point that Guy Braga didn't know about the start of Fosse Way. MP to correct minutes and give CI contact details for Graham Dart at the Baptist Church. CI wondered if there might be issues about licensing? MP to talk about that with Jason Kirkwood.

#### **TIC**

It's a delicate time with Mendip DC. They are reducing funding for tourism to the point where TIC is not viable. Chairs and managers of the 5 Mendip TIC's are meeting and preparing a business proposal for John Osman, the Portfolio Holder. MDC are intending to spend 40% of their tourism budget on Somerset Tourism Partnership, but that does not represent good value for market towns and we have much to evidence this. We must be prepared to move quickly with a response in the press and other lobbying measures if the TIC's own proposals are not accepted. AS noted that we have more TICs per head in this area than any other area, and the consultants report said the network as it exists now is providing very good value indeed, and it is important to keep that network intact. MDC will make a decision on these matters by March 9<sup>th</sup> so it is important we act quickly, and next week is really the only opportunity to get a report in the paper.

**LIGHTING IN ALLEYWAYS.** This is County's responsibility. MR to pursue.

#### **REGENERATION**

ZP and MP wrote to all the councillors re losing 2 of 4 regen officers. We need to ask the question how are they going to manage with only two officers and still achieve what they are obliged to.

#### **TOWN CENTRE**

Market music to start from April.

Shepton Action Group meeting being arranged. Date to all.

#### **LINKS**

MP DB and Guy Braga to liaise particularly about a grant for the Fosse Way – needed re tidying it up, putting ballast on wet sections of the path, linking it to Beacon Hill. Needs a leaflet. Ask if Sheila Petherbridge would help. CI mentioned that when we get our County Councillor in May, they will have a budget for such things. (£5k). Peter Banks and Janet Downing have approached DB about milestones. There are a number around the town that need renovating. We looked at this a couple of years ago. There are lots of problems with Health and Safety when Milestones within a metre of the road and Highways need to be involved and traffic control measures are required. It was agreed that we would do the 2 or 3 easy ones which won't need traffic control and CI said he would get application forms for a grant of up to £100 from the Town Council. DB said how helpful Frome Town Council had been in a recent project there. MR will approach Highways in Glastonbury and see if she can enlist their help and cooperation. AS will speak to the Frome councillor. DB will let MP have the Milestone list. It was wondered if we could do the one in Croscombe while the present traffic lights are up. MP to liaise with DB re Press.

#### **MAY DAY**

MP was asked to organise May Pole dancing in the market place on May Day which falls on an enhanced market Friday. Liase with GB and schools.



#### **SCRAP STORE**

MP reported that Laura Kavanagh from the Scrap Store in Glastonbury wants to relocate to Shepton Mallet and use the 'Depot' by the park, owned by MDC. MP has put her on to the portfolio holder Alistair Glanville.

#### **AOB**

- The Town Council have asked that S21 meet with them. MR suggested we emphasise the many projects we are involved in and not so much CATEC and the return of the railway. MP to write to the Town Council's thanking them for their invitation and asking what their plans are for regeneration.
- ZP said that she and MP are going to the SWMCTN conference on Saturday and asked if there was anything in particular to keep our ears open for. MC members to email if so.
- DB was concerned about rubbish dumping in the meadows adjoining Bowlish, probably left over from sledging. DB and others have picked it up and bagged it but it has not been picked up, probably because the council can't go on private land. MR to contact Martin Errington – MDC rubbish man.
- It's AGM time again and we need to decide on a date – by email.
- MP to liaise with DB on a big meeting for walkers, riders, cyclists etc and get a list of organisations from Guy. Sheila Petherbridge (MDC footpaths officer) is interested. MP to liaise with her.

Next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March (Apologies in advance from AS)



Facelift Project									
Name	Property	Application Date	Total cost of works	Grant awarded	Offer Sent	Status			
Rowena Kinsman	One Craft Gallery (High Street)	09-Jun-08	£4,250.00 ?			Work Com			
Ian Jarman	The Swan Inn (27-29 Town Street)	31-Jul-08	£2,866.00 ?			Work comp			
Vivian Bronsen	Delicious	20-Jun-08	£500.00			Work not c			
Sin Yee Cindy Lau	Sunrise Chinese Takeaway (6 Commercial Road)	05-Oct-08	£1,078.66			Work unde			
Susan Fox	59 High Street	01-Jul-08	£742.59			??			
Angela Plummer	61 High Street	28-Nov-08	£1,320.00			Awaiting w			
Chris Phillips	Phillips Tyres (Paul Street)	04-Jun-08	£5,575.55			??			
Belinda Ollis	Mums & Tums (21 Town Street)	10-Dec-08	£3,094.85			awaiting w			
	Indian Restaurant (2 Commercial Road)					Waiting ap			
Pat Bridgeman	Pink Banana (High Street)					Waiting ap			
Total			£19,427.65						