

## **Rhondda Community Business Initiatives Ltd.**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held at 2 pm on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2007**

Present: Neal Hammond, Wyndham King (Chair), Mal Brewer, Dai Williams, Kerry Davies, June Abbott, Brian McGrath, Em Jenkins.

Apologies: Pauline Worman, Mike Chapman, Gerda Beckers.

1. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 20/6/07, were accepted as a true record.
2. Finance. Neal gave a brief verbal report. We are still keeping our heads above water, but the situation is still difficult. Accepted.
3. Building Preservation Trust. Wyndham, Mal, Brian, Em and Neal put their names forward as subscribers.
4. Reports:
  - Bwllfa. Things are continuing to move forward. The final instalment of our Cyd Coed grant is due, and we are getting good support from Steve Crosby. We are expecting the result of our application to Environment Wales, and are planning an application to the Welsh Church Acts Fund. Approved.
  - Action Plan 2007/08. Neal distributed the final version. Approved.
  - Convergence Fund. The application procedures have still not been published by WEFO, but signs are that they are imminent. Neal suggested that in due course our best possibility for a successful application would be under Priority 5 Theme 2. He produced an outline application for discussion. Accepted.
  - St. Peters. There had been a further meeting at the church with Phil Cope, as well as an exchange of correspondence. Phil had expressed his willingness to go forward with the project, but he would require a fee to continue. We need to find a sum of £2 – 3,000. Neal said that the only way we could find such a sum at present would be if all the participating organisations were prepared to contribute something. However, this is a key project in our Action Plan. Em suggested that the next meeting should be in the Phoenix. Neal is to arrange this as soon as pressure of work allows. The difficulty is that since the end of our European Funding, our staff and capacity to keep things moving forward has been badly affected.
  - Em reported on a meeting with Chris Bradshaw and Richard Lawrence, which had not brought forward any good news regarding the future status of Pentre. However, he did feel that there might be some support for movement about the future of Pentre Park, involving local schools.

**Next meeting: Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> September. (Now postponed to Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.) A network meeting is also to be arranged in the near future.**