

Rhondda Community Business Initiatives Ltd.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, 28th October, 2004

Present: Wyndham King (Chair), Neal Hammond, Em Jenkins, Brian McGrath, Kerry Davies, Mike Chapman, Dai Williams

Apologies: Gerda Beckers, June Abbott.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting on 23/9/04 were accepted as a true record.
2. Matters Arising: Neal has sent a letter of complaint to WEFO about late payments, and sent a copy to Leighton Andrews AM.
3. Correspondence: We have had a letter from our Insurance Brokers regarding payments since we ceased to pay insurance on Bethesda. We have inadvertently been overcharged for the last 3 months. It was agreed to allow future payments to be reduced accordingly, rather than reclaiming the overpayments.
4. The financial report in the form of computer printout to 28/10/04 was accepted. It was noted that an agreement has been reached with Inland Revenue regarding payment of arrears.
5. Phoenix. Mike reported that an application has been made to the Charity Shop for a set of seat numbers. A quote has been received from Jack Roe Ltd. for about £450. Rowdiness by local youths in the vicinity of the cinema was discussed, and CCTV was put forward as a possible response. However, we cannot afford this at present. Improvements to the Parc & Dare Theatre were discussed, and the desirability of a more integrated approach by venues in RCT was mentioned. Em volunteered to approach the appropriate cabinet member to explore the possibility of greater integration of Arts programmes by cinemas/theatres in RCT.
6. Bwllfa. Neal reported that as yet the proposed meeting with RCT officers and WEFO had not taken place. However, a meeting with the RCT Community Development committee had been held about our Grid Pro Forma and this had been approved in principle. A series of important meetings to make progress about the Bwllfa and the Grid had now been arranged. In view of recent developments, including developments about Area Regeneration Partnerships, Neal proposed a 'think-tank' meeting to discuss various possibilities before the next Network meeting. This was agreed. 'Think-tank' to be comprised of Neal, Wyndham, Em and Brian. Meeting to take place on Tues. 9/11/04 at 2 pm.
7. Ynys Fields. The Recreation Association has received permission to sell the old tennis courts from CISWO, but with restrictions, which are not deemed acceptable. The matter is to be pursued, and legal advice is possible. Wyndham and Brian attended the RCT information evening about sports funding, but were not too impressed by funding possibilities for the Pentre Ward.

Next meeting: Thurs. 25th November at 2pm.