

Upper Eskdale Development Group Minutes of Meeting: 5th February 2014

Apologies: Zigi Atkin, June Adgo, Diana Lilley.

Present: Kal Malhi (Acting Chair), Jock Miller, Ernie Buck, Jennie Mills, Nick Jennings, Victoria Long, Clare Carr Saunders, Bernard Provost.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and after corrections (see below) they were accepted by Jennie and seconded by Victoria.

Changes: SCDC is not offering training but can give a few days of additional consultancy.

Matters arising:

The training day for the Directors was confirmed as 22nd Feb from 10-12am.

The asbestos has been removed from the building.

It was agreed that the minutes of our meetings should be approved before sending to Marjorie Wilson (Sec for the ESMP Hall Committee) and Brian Patterson (Website).

The consultancy meetings with Plunkett and others: Nick will try and organise this for after March 17th when Clare is back. We need to refresh and have an active contact with the community to find out what people want and need: ie: what the shop is going to sell, and also look at the care service needs. So far the dates for this are not fixed.

Nick has a meeting with Karen Booth of Community Catalyst regarding setting up community health services, on Feb 13.

Building update

The car park is underway. Some topsoil has been left for beds, and Kronospan has taken the rest. There are some items from the building which are yet to be collected.

The cooker has had to be scrapped (too big to remove). The 'soft' demolition will happen this week. We are quite pleased about the number of items that we have been able to salvage.

New starts: Karen Purvis and Tanith Laing have begun work and doing well. They are working 15 hrs /wk each. Tanith will generally be in on Mondays and Wednesdays and Karen on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. However, they both have other jobs, so this is flexible.

Resignation of Director

Sadly, Zigi Atkin can no longer make the time commitment to be on the board and has offered his resignation. The members were sorry to hear this. We valued his contribution and look forward to his being able to return as a director at a later date.

Update on Design Issues (as listed in report: January 2014)

The most pressing Issues were dealt with, though some do not need input from the Committee.

Windows: we asked if the windows could be increased in depth. We have been advised that this would not fit in with our flooding prevention. Because of the extra cost it was decided that it would not be worth it.

The Ladies Toilets: These have been changed around to allow room for mirrors over the basins. It was agreed that the new plan was better.

The paved area outside: There had been concerns that our request would impede access for delivery vehicles. We felt there had been a misunderstanding and re-requested for the paved area to be extended as far as possible, taking account the traffic access, with a curve on the outside corner nearest the shed.

Stove: (We had asked for the removal of the wall around it). Nick will ask for clarification of the visual. We would like the design to be more open and to be able to see over/through it.

Kitchen store: the changes to the entrance have been agreed. The changes to the size of the storage area for the fridge and freezer are still to be resolved.

Store: if a Belfast sink is installed there is no need for an additional tap with a floor drain. This has been agreed.

Men's Toilet: It was decided not to bother with the third urinal.

Shop Wall: It was decided to leave the wall to the right of the entrance to the shop.

Lighting Tubes in Reception & Shop: It was decided to stick to the recommended number of lighting tubes as these involved major changes to the design. It was decided to ask for one of the tubes to be moved slightly so that it is centred.

Upstairs: it was decided to put the facilities for water in to the 'art' room, but not the sinks yet.

Disabled toilet: The hand basin should be as big as it can be within the regulations and taking access into consideration.

Storage around walls upstairs. The area will be floored up to the maximum to allow for ease of future storage.

Reception counter: It was decided that we would like a bespoke counter. Nick will confirm if we have to get a plan to them by 6th. Our preference is for local ash or oak.

Car Park lighting: there is already a light at the entrance that was considered adequate.

Toilet hand dryers: It was decided to have air dryers for the toilets.

Kitchen Window: Bernard suggested we move the left hand window 8" to the centre to allow for storage to its left, above the counter. **Nick will request this.**

Events

Feb 7th event: It was decided not to charge but ask non-members for £1 donation on the door or to pay a £1 membership if not already a member to get in. Volunteers to be there by 7pm or earlier.

22 March - Whist Drive. Jock will apply for the licence. Nick will check if we have enough packs of cards. Vic can supply any extra needed.

Film event: Clare suggested we form a film club as this would bring down the cost of the licences to show films. We will try and follow that up.

It was decided to leave the discussion on other events to the next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th March.

Secretary
Victoria Long