

Minutes of Ludlow 21 Board Meeting 8th January 2016 at the Feathers Hotel

Present: Megan Blackmoor (MB) – Secretary, Sally Cassels (SC), Tish Dockerty (TD), Kim Holroyd (KH), Gillian Mortimer (GM), Alan Stewart (AS), Liz Taylor (LT), Denise Thompson (DT) - Chair, Alan Stewart (AS)

By Invitation: Erica Garner (EG), Jenny James (JJ) minute taker

Apologies for absence: John Daniels (JD) - Treasurer, Diane Lyle (DL), Nina Walmsley (NW)

		ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome DT welcomed EG, the Chair of the Ludlow Green Festival Committee. She also announced that Nina Walmsley had tendered her resignation, due to work and personal commitments. DT had written, on the Board's behalf, to thank her for her valuable contribution to Ludlow 21 and welcomed her offer to continue to be involved with the Family bike rides.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of Interests No interests were declared</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of last Board Meeting held on 24th November 2015 These were agreed</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda)</p> <p>4.1 Fashion Show: KH will give a report to the next meeting. MB to include on agenda.</p> <p>4.2 Vision 21 Food & Farming Group: Progress report at next meeting.</p> <p>4.3 Fairtrade: LT seeking to gain support from Town Council, despite many delays this is ongoing and there is some hope for a positive outcome.</p> <p>4.4 Christmas Hamper: KH reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, she had presented a hamper and Christmas card to the staff of the Feathers to thank them for their support for L21 by providing meeting space with no charge. KH was thanked for doing this.</p>	<p>MB/KH</p> <p>KH</p>
5.	<p>Green Festival Report EG reported on progress:</p> <p>5.1 The Green Festival (GF) needed to reflect Vision 21 but, in order to achieve this, the GF Committee needs feedback and information on the various themes. It was agreed that each vision group should aim to put on an event or stall at the Festival and should send info to EG asap.</p> <p>5.2 Finance: the GF required start up funds and, after some discussion it was agreed to allocate £700 from L21 funds for this. As the Fashion Show had, historically, helped to fund the Festival, any profit arising from this year's show</p>	<p>SC/KH/ DL/AS/ DT</p>

	<p>(which would be held in the autumn) could be offset against this.</p> <p>5.3 DT reported on plans to change the date for next year's GF, ie 2017, to July 9th, negotiations with Town Council for the market square on that date ongoing. It is hoped that holding it before the end of term will enable schools and college involvement.</p>	<p>EG/GM</p> <p>DT</p>
6.	<p>Feedback from Vision 21 sub-groups</p> <p>6.1 Reports have been received from transport, 3Rs and energy. Verbal reports from MB/SC (schools and education) and from KH/TD (food and farming) were provided at the meeting.</p> <p>6.2 Barbara Marks had submitted a proposal for a new Hearts and Minds Group which could be very beneficial and bring in new people but concern was expressed that her proposals were too broad rather than practical and achievable, and could tie in with the other groups rather than be the basis for a separate group. It was agreed that she should be invited to the February Green Drinks (when there should be a good attendance because of the Fairtrade event) to present her proposal.</p> <p>6.3 Education group: SC suggested inviting a Ludlow College student to make a presentation at Green Drinks, this student is enthusiastic and knowledgeable but may not be able to come to an evening meeting . KH to liaise with SC on dates.</p> <p>SC will email the Board a copy of the college's sustainability policy.</p> <p>Ian Urry was making a good contribution to the education group. DT suggested that, as he was also involved with the Green Festival and was clearly committed to helping Ludlow 21, that he be invited to join the Board at the AGM. He could be co-opted if necessary.</p> <p>6.4 Food and Farming: KH reported the group has agreed a 5 year Vision Statement and TD reported on progress with the Incredible Edible project; they were hopeful of a grant from IES. There was a need to communicate with farmers - this could be via the Young Farmers, NFU, or personal contacts</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>SC/KH</p> <p>SC</p> <p>MB/DT</p>
7.	<p>Reports and requests from Ludlow 21 Action groups and supported groups.</p> <p>7.1 Food and Farming: TD reported that the Local To Ludlow market was doing well. The second April market will not take place in the square as this will be setting up for the May Fair at the weekend. Instead, a Local To Ludlow market will be held on the Bank Holiday Sunday at the Brewery. If successful a further Sunday market at the Brewery is planned for October. A pie competition for local and seasonal pies was planned for the Spring.</p> <p>7.2 Fairtrade: LT reported on Fairtrade Fortnight which will have a theme 'Big Breakfast' and will also have a visit from the director of a big FT co-op in Kerala. LT is coming to the end of her third 3-year term and will resign from the Board at the AGM. She will hand over Fairtrade to Jenny Hume, while continuing with Tradefair. It was agreed that it is good to have a Fairtrade representative on the Board and to invite JH to become the FT Board member. DT would meet with JH – LT to provide contact details.</p> <p>7.3 Swift Group: the group will be meeting soon to plan 2016 activities.</p> <p>7.4 Car Club: DT reported the event on Saturday was well attended and that the</p>	<p>LT/DT</p>

	<p>two Shropshire cars which have been on loan to Birmingham will be returning to Shrewsbury this Spring.</p> <p>7.5 GSX: DT reported the Big Green Shropshire gathering will take place on May 7 and a series of GSX talks were being planned with one in Ludlow in November on sustainable transport, given by John Whitelegg.</p> <p>7.6 Green Drinks/Sitting Room: KH explained that the Sitting room is not available for every green drinks evening and it was agreed she should book talks every time it is available.</p> <p>KH confirmed that there was no charge for the Sitting Room on Green Drinks night but if we want to use it on any other night there is a charge of £20. Upcoming talks already booked/agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hereford Eco village, • WWF UK • SC's student • Raven Lane eco housing <p>Possible future speakers included Gordon Coppock from Clean Energy in Herefordshire. We should invite him to a Green Drinks event and, if successful, consider inviting him to a bigger, public, event and charging entry. If he can't manage a Green Drinks night consider an alternative date or venue. We could also invite him to speak before the AGM.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KH</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>GM presented her report which showed a closing balance of £2531.77. It was noted that the cost of the calendar was considerably less than last year and should now be paid.</p> <p>It was agreed that a separate meeting later in the year should discuss how best to spend some of the funds available in the deposit account. GM and JD to bring a proposal to the next meeting with details of how much is available, suggestions about how much to keep in reserve and how much to allocate to the various groups, GM suggested the best time would be after she has completed the accounts for this financial year.</p> <p>GM was thanked for her excellent account keeping.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JD/GM</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Round-up of local, national and global developments</p> <p>9.1 KH encouraged people to go to the Trident event in London on Feb 27. It was agreed that the Climate Change stall at the local produce market in December was successful and it would be good to have one to promote the Trident event on Feb 11. However, the L21 stall should not be used as we had no members' mandate to oppose Trident.</p> <p>9.2 There is a meeting with Philip Dunn on Feb 12 (pre meeting on Feb 8) to discuss Climate Change post-Paris (follow up to earlier pre-Paris meeting).</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>10.1: Proposed address to Town Council: the aims of this were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise existing links with the council • be more specific about what is planned • involve them and get them on board • get our request for support formally minuted <p>It was hoped that they would appoint Di Lyle as the Town Council liaison with L21 Board.</p>	

	<p>DT was asked to make it clear that we are not asking them to do anything, just hoping for their support in principle and open a line of communication. On this basis, it was agreed that the presentation should go ahead as planned.</p> <p>10.2 Membership leaflet: a draft had been circulated and AS had made several suggestions. It was agreed that the revised draft should be circulated for any additional comments.</p> <p>10.3 Possible future L21 youth group: AS had suggested that we form a youth group; MB to put on agenda for a future meeting.</p> <p>10.4 L21 newsletter: website problems have delayed newsletter production.</p> <p>10.5 L21 website: this needed updating. MB will post news/items/events/etc but all were asked to send in items on a regular basis.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>DT</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB/DT</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 8th March at The Feathers Hotel at 7.30</p>	