

WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

Inaugural Meeting on Wednesday, 14th May, 2008
at Humshaugh Village Hall at 7 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Malcolm Caisley (Whitley Chapel), Adrian Hinchcliffe (Newton & Bywell), Mike Wood (Greenhead), Elizabeth Stewart (Greenhead), Pam Pryor (Riding Mill) Michael Elphick, Keith Robson (Slaley), Mary Kelly (Prudhoe Parish Hall), Jackie Scrowther (Ovingham), Larry Winger (Allendale Village Hall), Mike Gowland (North Northumberland Village Hall Consortium), Norman Hooks (Stocksfield Institute), June Kendrew (Newbrough Town Hall), Ian Bell (Newbrough Town Hall), Jillian Rutherford (Tynedale Council), Harry Scott (Otterburn Memorial Hall), Mick Maughan (Otterburn Memorial Hall), Gayle Tailford (Langley Village Hall), Kate Rutherford (Langley Village Hall), John Wylam (Gunnerton Church/Chollerton PCC), Andrea Lyons (Prudhoe Volunteer Centre).

In attendance: Louise Currie (CAN), Alan Hedley (CAN), Jane Hart (CAN), Sue Hacking (CAN), Simon Bland (RuralClick)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Pamela Niven (Riding Mill), Albert Knight (Corbridge Methodist Church), Bill Grigg (Acomb/Corbridge Village Hall), Sylvia Harrison (North Northumberland Village Hall Consortium).

2. Background

Mike Wood took the chair and gave the background on how the consortium came into being.

3. Presentation and adoption of draft Constitution

Mike gave a presentation of the salient points of the constitution and passed around copies of the full constitution. The constitution was adopted unanimously. It was also decided that subs would be £10 for the first year.

Adrian Hinchcliffe at this point gave thanks to Community Action Northumberland for their help in putting everything together and Mike seconded this sentiment.

4. Election of Officers

Chair: Mike Wood. *Proposed by:* Pam Pryor. *Seconded by:* K. Robson
Treasurer: Elizabeth Stewart. *Proposed by:* Norman Hooks. *Seconded by:* John Wylam.
Secretary: To be discussed at the first management committee meeting.

5. Election of Management Committee

The following agreed to be on the Committee therefore there was no need for an election: Adrian Hinchcliffe, Malcolm Caisley, Michael Elphick, Keith Robson, Pam Pryor, Norman Hooks, Bill Grigg*, Pam Niven*.

*not present but as part of the working party had previously agreed to be on the committee.

6. Bank Account and Signatories

Liz Stewart had already got the mandate form from HSBC.

Keith Robson proposed that she should go ahead and open an account. Norman Hooks seconded this. The Signatories are to be confirmed at the next management committee meeting.

7. Frequency of meetings

After some discussion it was voted upon and decided that as well as the AGM there should be at least one other meeting. It was stressed that additional meetings would be beneficial but that these could be arranged as required. Mike Wood proposed this and Norman Hooks seconded. A request was made that the meetings should be on different days of the week so that those who could not attend on a particular day could at least get to some of the meetings. This was agreed.

8. Presentation by Adrian Hinchcliffe

Adrian reported on his finding when searching for discounted building and contents insurance. See attached.

9. Presentation by Simon Bland

Simon Bland, Chair of RuralClick.com, Chair of Trustees of Ruralnet and Managing Director of www.transmedi.com gave a presentation on the possible savings on oil, utilities, insurance, etc. for community buildings. To find out more information on this visit www.ruralclick.com and www.villagehalloffers.co.uk

Simon also pointed out that he could give assistance setting up village hall websites.

Mike Gowland of North Northumberland Village Hall Consortium said that it would be good if the two consortia worked together for mutual benefit.

10. Talk by Andrea Lyons of Volunteer Centre, Prudhoe on Volunteering in Northumberland

Andrea outlined an outreach volunteer project and asked anyone who needed assistance with volunteers or volunteering to get in touch with her. Tel: 01661 836668 or e-mail: volunteering@prudhoe.org

11. Next Management Committee Meeting

Thursday June 12th at 10 a.m. at Newbrough Town Hall

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed 9 p.m.