



MINUTES of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Wednesday the 25th March 2015 @ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Soole, Roskell, McGrath, Dodd, Ellison, Brookes, Thompson and Wright

There were six members of the public present

22/15 To receive apologies

None

23/15 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th February 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th February 2015 should be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24/15 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Brookes, Soole, Ellison and Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item on the agenda relating to the provision of funding to TVC Ltd due to the fact that they were directors of the company – they left the room during the consideration of this item and did not debate or vote on the matter.

25/15 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

A presentation was made by a representative of TVC Ltd to update the Council on progress so far with regard to Tanterton Village Centre. A copy of the presentation papers is attached.

In answer to questions from members and the public the following responses were provided and noted:

TVC Ltd are aware that it needs to increase its level of communication in order to increase paid usage of the Centre.

It was confirmed that it was difficult getting volunteers to run activities – there were often suggestions put forward as to potential activities however those suggestions tended not to include volunteering to run the activity itself. Further communication via social media, web site etc might hopefully help to attract more volunteers.

A member of the public complained that the Centre was being run as a 'village hall' dependant on hire rather than as 'community centre'

It was mentioned that TVC Ltd were working with Intact and that this was to be developed further.

Concern was raised that some original budget figures on which NC funding had been obtained had been reduced without the knowledge of the NC who were providing public money – it was stated that this had been done due to the much later opening of the centre than originally envisaged which required amendments to be made which were incorporated into the SLA with Preston City Council and had been shown on the financial statements produced by TVC Ltd on a quarterly basis.

A member of the public stated that he had offered to manage the centre for 6 months as a volunteer but that he felt that his offer had not been accepted due to a clash of personalities between himself and some Board members – he apologised to those members for any actions on his part which might have led to this situation.

It was explained that the possibility of employing a caretaker, as suggested in the presentation, might assist in removing some janitorial work from the existing volunteers and that should TVC Ltd go down that line the job would be as a caretaker and not a centre manager and any such job would be properly advertised.

26/15 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300152	Preston CC	Christmas tree provision	1511.42
300153	Greenwood Garden Services	Lengthsman	262.50
300154	WV Mcennerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses Oct to Dec	1115.50
300155	Inland Revenue	3rd Qtr tax and NI	690.80

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved.

27/15 To consider whether this Council wishes to renew its membership of LALC (invoice enclosed) – please note that 12 months’ notice is required for any member Council to withdraw its membership.

It was resolved that this Council would pay the 2015/16 subscription but that it would give immediate notice to cease membership in 12 months’ time

28/15 To approve renewal of the Lengthsman Contract for a further period of 12 months at a rate of £12.90 per hour (last year £12.50) – this would bring rate of pay into line with Lea and Cottam – no increase was awarded by I & T since inception.

It was resolved that the lengthsman contract should be renewed as outlined above.

29/15 To consider whether any response should be made to the Preston Local Plan 2012/2026 – Inspector’s Draft Main Modifications (Examination Library Reference EL7.022) details of which have previously been circulated with the appropriate web site link. A generic commentary and proposed response are included for consideration.

It was resolved that the proposed response referred to above should be sent.

30/15 To consider the following motion put forward by Cllr McGrath:

That this Council approve the release of the second tranche of funding as agreed by this Council under minute number 67/13 at a figure of £3500.00 subject to the following conditions which are meant to ensure that the NC is seen as a working partner and is not excluded from appropriate information concerning the use of public funds.

- a) That TVC Ltd produce in advance of the release of the funds a copy of their approved budget for the year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.
- b) That TVC Ltd agree to produce to the Neighbourhood Council the following quarterly management / monitoring information
 - (i) *A Statement of Accounts showing progress against the stated budget together with a financial report/explanation of significant variances*
 - (ii) *A copy of the SLA terms agreed with Preston City Council and progress against them together with an operational progress report outlining significant achievements, concerns and/or developments which might affect ongoing or future success*

It was resolved that release of the second tranche of funding of £3500 should be made once TVC Ltd had produced and supplied to this Council its budget for 2015/16 and a commitment had been received that TVC Ltd would supply management information as set out above on a regular and timely basis.

31/15 To consider a request for grant funding to the extent of £200 from Ingol Cricket Club as per enclosed documents.

It was resolved that a grant of £200 should be awarded to Ingol Cricket Club

32/15 To receive FOR INFORMATION ONLY a brief verbal update in respect of current working group activities:

Cllrs Anderson, Dodd and Wright – Surgeries working group terms of reference as per minute 112/14

Progress is being made regarding the detail of the arrangements

Cllrs McGrath, Dodd and Soole – Tanterton Village Green seating as per minute 116/14

A proposal is expected to be available shortly which might also include the question of appropriate fencing

Cllrs Anderson and Brookes – Tanterton Shops Area improvement – Groundworks plan options

Potential plans have been received however it is proving difficult to engage with landowners to establish any dialogue

Cllrs Anderson and McGrath – Gateway liaison re potential projects to improve the area

There are no current identified projects

Cllr Ellison – Speed Indicator Device

The Speed Indicator device has been repaired and potential locations on Tag lane etc are being considered through PACT – it was suggested that the original purpose of locating a SPID had now been fulfilled

Cllrs McGrath, Wright and Soole – Best Kept Garden Competition

Arrangements were in hand

Cllrs McGrath and Soole – Dog fouling

This remains work in progress with no further specific recommendations at this time

Cllrs Anderson, Dodd, Thompson and Soole – Christmas event

Progress is being made for the 3rd Annual Event which is likely to be similar to previous years.

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