

## TRANSITION STROUD COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at The Exchange The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, GL5 1DF 7.15pm – 9.45pm

Present:: Helen Royall; Jon Barrance; Philip Booth; Kim Richardson, Simon Allen; Holly Tomlinson; Peter Williams; James Beecher; Paul Flynn; Erik Wilkinson

Apologies: Seb Buckton; Clare Deacon

**1. Decide on chair for meeting** – Helen chaired; Erik took minutes

**2. Formal introductions and Apologies**, Present:: Helen Royall; John Barrance; Philip Booth; Kim Richardson, Simon Allen; Holly Tomlinson; Peter Williams; James Beecher; Paul Flynn; Erik Wilkinson

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**3. Approval of minutes of last meeting**, 25 February 2015 minutes approved

**4. Main Item:** Ideas for engaging new people in TS – Erik circulated his draft TS “Invitation menu” which received a positive response. Meeting approved Erik, Seb and Imogen meeting to develop the invitation menu further and approved £100 payment to Imogen. **Actions:** Seb to convene “Engaging new people group” (Sheila, Holly, Philip and Seb) to consider the Invitation menu and related issues; Erik to convene meeting of Seb, Imogen and Erik

#### **5. Brief updates/actions**

- Local Plan – Jon has made a response. Helen, on behalf of the group formally thanked Jon for the work he has done. **Action:** Jon to circulate his comments to ensure he can say they are on behalf of TS
- GCC Local Transport Plan – Paul informed meeting that deadline for comments is the end of March. **Actions:** Paul has written a response and will send it to Helen for circulation round TS – so Paul can send in on behalf of TS. Paul will also convene a TS Transport group meeting - Paul, Pete Nelson and Holly
- Bulldog Bid – Simon updated on the Bulldog Trust application – our bid will need to demonstrate that the funding will transform the organisation - and make it sustainable. Deadline is 17/4. **Action:** Simon, Erik and Peter to meet on the Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2pm to move bid forward
- Other Funding sources: Santander Bid – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> April; Waitrose Community Fund – Helen optimistic; Crowd Source Funding – James and Holly aware of key links
- Film Programme. James updated meeting. Average take on a film evening is between £100 and £150; £400 kindly donated towards cost of George Marshall event. Film evenings have been a great success in informing and engaging people in TS issues. Value of post films discussions recognized - all ably chaired by James
- Reading Group. James has the idea of developing a reading list of key books that would be read by the group – with a certificate of completion a possibility! **Action:** James to update on progress
- Dirk Slater Workshop – James has attended one – focus is on how to use data effectively when campaigning. Dirk will be running a workshop in Stroud on 31<sup>st</sup> May 11 – 4 pm. He would like to offer a free workshop to TS Directors before then. **Action:** James to circulate information on the workshop and identify a date when it could be run for TS Directors.(and possibly partners)
- HubStroud: James updated on figures – over 2000 followers. He is delivering training so people can put event on.
- Website **Action:** Helen will be adding info on TS Film nights

- Zero Carbon Britain. Jon leading on this on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April Film evening. **Action:** will need some preparation so Jon, Helen and James are going to meet
- TS Insurance: Simon has done a lot of work on this - to look at the cover it offers and the responsibilities TS has. **Action:** Simon to brief April meeting on progress
- Working Groups: Meeting endorsed now calling "Working Groups"; "Action Groups". **Action:** To be confirmed at April TS meeting
- BSAG and Hawkwood: Simon had a useful meeting with Hawkwood College. A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed so that TS's Building Skills Action Group can use workshop space there. Shawn Jarrett and Jennie Sutton leading re-activation of BSAG group and this was endorsed. Agreed also that TS will run a workshop at Hawkwood's Seed Festival in mid July. Hawkwood asked if we would be a 'Network Partner' for this event; agreed. **Action:** Simon to update on progress at April meeting.
- Upcycled Art Outdoors: Clare Sheridan and team running this event in park at Stonehouse during the day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, followed with a film in Stonehouse Town Hall in the evening. This group endorsed as a TS "Action Group". **Action:** Simon checking with insurers re cover.

## 6. Finance

Simon updated the meeting on TS's finance; current balance £4,847; noted that two out of 13 direct debits ended, those donations much appreciated. TS needs an accountant to sign off our final accounts – and is following up a number of suggestions. **Action:** Simon to update at April meeting.

## 7. Any other business

- Fix It For Free Erik has written to SVP to ask if they would like to take over the running of these in Stroud (not Nailsworth or Stonehouse). Reply awaited. The next Nailsworth Repair Café will be on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** Erik to circulate round TS Discuss
- Directors List: of Directors needs to be updated on the website – possibly with photographs. **Action:** Seb to be asked to update.

**8. Confirm main topic and date of next meeting** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm for a 7. 15 pm start

Main topic: Ideas for engaging new people in TS

Erik Wilkinson for Mark Keogan Company Secretary  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2015.