

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 January 2010 in the Church Hall

1. The meeting was chaired by Barry Wakefield. There were 14 members present with apologies received from 6 members.
2. **Matters arising from the Meeting held on 9 November 2009.** There were none other than those covered on the agenda.
3. **Reports from the Family Christmas Fayre; Christmas Tree; Carols round the Christmas Tree.** The Fayre had been most successful. Steve Maguire was thanked for his leadership. Two points to be noted for the future were; 2 hours had been sufficient – not 3. Future timings should be 12 noon to 2pm and the timing of Father Christmas's presence to be set and adhered to. Because of heavy rain, carols were sung in the church rather than round the tree. It was very well attended and the later timing of 8pm was commented on favourably.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer presented provisional end of year balances. The Community Times had gain been the main source of income in 2009, closely followed by the sale of calendars. At the end of 2009 the Council had nearly £19,000 unencumbered assets. The Treasurer was thanked for his prompt preparation of the accounts.
5. **Requests for Grants.**
 - a. **Carpet for the Stage in the Village Hall.** As there was not one organisation responsible for the carpet's replacement, members agreed that the cost of replacement could fall directly on the Council and a proposal by Steve Maguire, seconded by Tricia Hall, for expenditure of about £1,275 was agreed subject to the Treasurer obtaining further estimates.
 - a. **Transition Nayland.** Transition Nayland has requested a loan or grant of £500 as working capital for its activities. A proposition proposed by Tricia Hall seconded by Claire Prescott to make a grant of £500 to Transition Nayland was agreed.
6. **Correspondence.** An invitation from Nayland Youth Club to an informal evening at the Anchor at 7pm on 27 January was welcomed by members. The Executive had arranged to be represented but representatives from all organisations would be welcome.
7. **Community Times.** Lorraine Brooks reminded organisations of the deadline for the next edition. No successor to Roy Evans as lead distributor had come forward but the Chairman had in mind to approach a new resident in the village. It was agreed he should do so.
8. **Summer Festival 2010.** A first report from the project team appointed at the last meeting was received. Dates of Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September had been fixed and the Village Hall booked. There is enthusiastic support from many Societies in the Village and various members of the Project team are active in developing ideas. The plan of having a stage set up on the field as the central point to the entertainment remained the basic idea. A first estimate of the cost is £3000. at the November meeting it had been proposed that the festival would be financed by the Council but in discussion members agreed that some charging might be necessary. The Treasurer suggested that the Council bear half the cost. The WI added its support. A more detailed report would be presented at the next meeting.
9. **Calendars 2010 and 2011.** The team that oversaw the successful production and sale of the 2010 calendar was congratulated. The team had started to prepare the 2011 calendar. Pat Bray had succeeded Jenny Smith as a team member. The photographic competition this year would place emphasis upon village life. The guidance from the Council for 2010 was that the competition should be confined to Nayland residents. A view had been expressed within the team that this was too restrictive. For example many members of village organisations came from adjacent parishes. Widening eligibility would, however, complicate the administrative process. Members felt there was a

case for a widening and agreed that for 2011 calendar those who were active participants in village societies and those who work in the parish should be able to enter the competition. The team would ask for a review if the administration proved intractable.

10. **Reports from Societies.**

- **Carpel Bowls Club.** Sylvia Bond reported it was currently centrally placed in the League, which was encouraging, but there were three tough games in prospect.
- **Horticultural Society.** Lorraine Brooks confirmed that plans for 2010 are well forward with new ventures proposed, including a new schedule for the Flower show on 14 August, a new spring Show and a visit to RHS Wisley.
- **Village Players.** The sudden death of John Swain had been a shock to the members of the Players. The next production will be 'Harvey' on 22-24 March.
- **WI.** The programme for January had had to be revised. John Partridge, recently moved to Nayland and a former chairman of the Colchester Bench, will be speaking about his life as a magistrate.
- **Woodland Corner.** The new term had just started. The Corner continues to thrive. The Children have a visit to Nayland House.
- **Nayland Choir.** The spring Concert will be in the Village Hall on 20 March. The Choir for this concert will be under the leadership of Emma Bishton.
- **Youth Club.** The death of the committee chairman, though foreseen, was a great loss. The committee had produced a full programme. New committee members are required.
- **Transition Nayland.** Response to the survey of people's opinions and habits had been good. The results will be published shortly. Two film nights are planned on 19 February and 19 March. The collection point for the batteries had been established.
- **Conservation Society.** The AGM will take place on 23 February. It is hoped to be able to appoint new committee members.
- **Village Hall.** The Management Committee is in urgent need of new members and a new Booking Secretary. It is planned to develop its own web site to assist the new Booking Secretary. One of the new trustees would be responsible for energy conservation in the Hall which could become a 'test bed' for the village. A fundraising specialist is also being sought.

11. **AOB.**

- a. The November 5th bonfire has, at last, ceased to burn. Fred Bugg is to be asked to clear up the debris.
- b. An industrial dishwasher would greatly improve the facilities in the Village hall kitchen. Who might take the initiative?

12. **Date of the Next meeting. 8 March 2010 – 8pm AGM in Church Hall (Exec meets at the earlier time of 7.15pm)**

Meetings for rest of year:

12 May; 7 July; 23 August; 8 November; 10 January 2011

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