

Minutes of Save The Bell Meeting

Date: 30 March 2023 @ 7pm

Venue: Zoom

Present: Toby Wise TW (Chairperson)
 Stephen Osborne SO
 Andrew Gillett AG
 Luke Grant LG
 Rob Gready RPG
 Dan Grant DG

		Responsible Person	Time Limit	Outcome
1.0	APOLOGIES			
1.1	Lisa Bailey Nick Crabbe Julian Godwin Tim Lawson			
2.0	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING			
2.1	The minutes of meetings of 23 March 2023 were approved as an accurate record.			
2.2	<p>Matters Arising from minutes of 28-12-22: All action points were reviewed and those outstanding are listed below.</p> <p>4.3 There was also brief discussion of approaching one of the four local brewers to see if they might be interested to become the tenant. This subject will be considered in more detail at a future meeting.</p> <p>9.2 It was agreed that local MPs, District Councillors and County Councillors should be updated at a date to be decided. It was agreed that there would be a start date for this communication and press release.</p> <p>Matters Arising from Minutes of 12-Jan-23: 4 .11 It was agreed that a strategic development plan would be required for The Bell which might include developing more dining space. This to be considered at a future meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising from minutes of 16-Mar-23: Merchandise to be created, initially t-shirts, mugs and pint glasses. Agree design.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>LB</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>24/01 /2023</p> <p>ASAP</p>	

	<p>Discuss getting some initial samples from existing supplier.</p> <p>Matter Arising from minutes of 23-Mar-23:</p> <p>3.3 Prepare a demo of other functionality available in the WIX platform</p> <p>Publish Rules as shared with Plunkett</p> <p>NC's article on 'Why Community Pubs work'</p> <p>3.4 TW has spoken with Central News and agreed to follow-up after Easter.</p> <p>Get details of any CAMRA contacts</p> <p>3.5 Engage with survey respondents and FB posters keen to organise events.</p> <p>3.6 TW will contact other possible grant funding sources.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>DG</p> <p>NC / DG</p> <p>NC / DG</p> <p>TW</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SO</p> <p>TW</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>30/03 /2023</p> <p>30/03 /2023</p> <p>11/04 /2023</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>30/03 /2023</p>	
3.0	UPDATES			
3.1	<p><u>Press</u></p> <p>TW shared details of proposed press coverage by both local radio and regional TV. Dates for both will be after Easter.</p> <p>LG has contact with a local resident who had run music events in the pub in the (1970's?)</p>			
3.2	<p><u>Community Benefit Society + Banking</u></p> <p>TW confirmed that in addition to the CBS application being processed, an application has been made with Lloyds for a bank account.</p> <p>Working Group members to share a picture and brief bio to be added to the website</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>13/04 /2023</p>	
3.3	<p><u>Marketing</u></p> <p>SO updated on the marketing for the social event planned for April 15th. 1,000 flyers have been printed and are awaiting distribution.</p> <p>An article had been printed in Temespan.</p>			

	LG to coordinate distribution of flyers	LB	ASAP	
3.4	<p><u>Events</u></p> <p>RG suggested that his daughter would have some contacts for possible bands</p> <p>SO contact Abi re. bands</p> <p>SO to discuss with Catharine Knight possible involvement for STB group in the forthcoming Coronation weekend event in Abberley</p>	SO SO	ASAP 13/04 /2023	
3.5	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>SO had spoken with district councillor Paul Cumming about a potential grant worth up to £50k which the STB working group could apply for</p> <p>TW to follow up with Paul Cumming</p> <p>TW working on submission of Community Ownership Fund grant application ahead of mid-April deadline</p>	TW TW	13/04 /2023 ASAP	
4.0	PURCHASE NEGOTIATIONS			
4.1	<p>The group discussed what the boundaries of any offer for the Bell should be bearing in mind the formal valuation which had been received, the time the pub had been closed, any premium which should be attributed to community ownership and other factors.</p> <p>NC and JG confirmed that they would represent the STB group at a meeting scheduled with Gareth & Luise (owners of The Bell) for Sunday 2nd April.</p> <p>The group re-affirmed that it is important to have transparency with the community around the possible target price, pledges received to date and possible timings. An update will be prepared for the event on April 15th.</p>	JG / NC	02/04 /2023	
5.0	STRATEGIC PLANNING			
5.1	This item was deferred pending results of the meeting to be held with The Bell's owners.			
6.0	FUNDRAISING			
6.1	TW shared details of a meeting held with Chris Martyn-Smith and raised the possibility of having an individual (in the current working group or as a new member)			

	focused on data analysis and input from this to fundraising efforts.			
7.0	AOB Publish the draft rules on the website.	NC / DG	ASAP	
8.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
8.1	13 April 2023 venue TBC			