

**Notes of the Derrington - Way Ahead Meeting
Tues 8 February 2011 at 7.30 pm at Derrington Village Hall**

1 Present: Lindsey, Rob Hine, Alan Thomas, Sheena Davis, Maggie Overton, Karen Davies, Sue Challinor, Rosemary Lofty and also Stuart, Trevor, Stan and Angela from Moreton.

2 Apologies: Helen Sammons, Councillor Ray Sutherland, Will Sammons, Jan Bray.

3 Welcome: Karen welcomed the Group, in particular, Stuart, Trevor, Stan and Angela from Moreton, who had been informed of our meeting through the Community Council.

We all introduced ourselves and Lindsey volunteered to chair the meeting and Karen took notes.

4 Notes of the last meeting held on Tues 14 December

The notes were agreed as a correct record. The nest box building with the Brownies has been postponed to February 28. Matters arising were all on the agenda.

5 Derrington Village Hall

(a) Energy Measures – launch event and celebration

The launch event will take place on Wed 16 February between 12 and 2pm. This will consist of a series of short talks/presentations as follows:

Welcome and Introductions, Alan Merrick (MC)

Our Village Hall, Cllr Ray Sutherland (on behalf of the Village Hall)

A Roof over our Heads, Peter Barker (on behalf of Millers the roofers)

Solar So Good, David Hutchinson (on behalf of Havenkaye, Solar PV installers)

Derrington – Way Ahead, Karen Davies (Stafford Borough Council)

Community Benefits, Geoff Parry (Derrington Village Hall Committee)

Close, Alan Merrick (MC)

These will be followed by a buffet lunch, which we have asked the Red Lion to provide. We are expecting around 65/70 people to attend, including all of the bodies who have provided grant funding, groups from the village and groups that use the hall, plus representatives from other relevant organizations. Attendance is by invite only. Anyone who has been directly involved but has not got an invite one way or another, please contact Karen!

Karen to contact Cheryl from the Village Hall who is co-ordinating numbers to book places for Sue and Lindsey.

Karen suggested that 2 reps from Moreton may wish to attend, and asked them to confirm with her asap.

Karen added that the Real Time Display Panels had been fitted that day which enable data to be read eg electricity generated at that time, electricity generated since installation etc. This will be connected to our web-pages to enable Monitoring as well as use of data by schools etc. The fitting of this function has been organized by Charlotte, our neighbourhood IT expert!

(b) IT facilities at the Village Hall – update on progress!

With dedication, expertise and great support from Charlotte (Twemlow Close) the Village Hall now has broadband connection and all the necessary wiring that goes with it, plus two new laptops which are stores in a secure place in the Hall. Funding to cover this equipment has come from Derrington – Way Ahead funds. Charlotte has run the IT day recently, which was very successful, where people booked up one hour slots. The equipment was also made available at the WI Coffee Morning. The next session will be held on Fri 25 February and slots are already being booked up. This project will develop according to need/demand, and in response to comments given through the survey last October. **Alan** has also collated some good ideas and he will meet Charlotte to discuss these.

6 Upcoming Activities

(a) Village Trail Project

The funding bid to LEADER was well received by the LEADER panel but needs some additional 'working up'. Karen is working on this and needs to submit it w/b 14th Feb. We have received £250 towards the project from 'The Jo Barnes' Fund.

(b) Recycling/Waste Minimisation

* **Nodes:** SBC waste officers are meeting shortly with the Pub Landlord in order to arrange the placing of a 'Recycling Node' in the Car Park.

* **Ink and Printer Cartridges:** Charlotte suggested we should collect these for recycling so Karen has provided a 'Grey Bin' which is located near the Shoe Recycling Bin and **Alan** volunteered to stick on the posters to identify the bins!

7 Awards

Our project was second in the NEA (National Energy Action) Award. There was very tough competition for this national award – so well done everyone (details in the recent newsletter and on the web-pages).

8 Promotion and Publicity

* **Web-pages:** Charlotte has taken on this mammoth task. Please make it worth her while by having a look!!!!

<http://www.derringtonvillagehall.btik.com/Derrington%20-%20Way%20Ahead>

If you don't have a PC – come along to Charlotte's drop in session!

*** Articles in the Village/Church Magazine**

Karen submitted an article in the most recent edition, giving a summary of activities over the last few months. If anyone would like to do future articles please contact Karen. Deadline for the next edition is 20th of the month.

*** Winter Newsletter**

This was circulated to everyone recently. It was well received with some very good feedback. The next will be due in June and it would be good to mention that large print copies will be available in the Village Hall as A5 size may be hard for some people to read (but are obviously better from the resource point of view).

9 AOB:

Solar Homes: The idea of possible funding supporting from an SBC Low Carbon Community budget for a series of homes to install PV panels had been discussed at a previous meeting. This will not be possible. There are various options 'on the market' which companies are offering. Havenkaye, installers of the Village Hall PV, are looking at an alternative proposal, where they part fund an installation and receive payment through the FIT for the first 6 years, and we will see how this develops. It may be a project that Sustainability Matters can be involved with.

Village Hall Materials: The group discussed whether we could talk to the Village Hall Committee to see whether we could buy greener cleaning materials and FT beverages to use at the Hall. **Karen will talk to Helen.**

Stafford Area Save Your Energy website: Rob reminded the group about this helpful site with local case studies. Do have a look!

<http://www.staffordarea.saveyourenergy.org.uk/>

Cooper Perry: Despite our best efforts, the PFI contract at the school means that the installation of a PV system is not possible. However there is a new Eco-Club which meets on Friday lunchtimes and the school is also hosting Juliana, the Fairtrade Producer from Ghana, who is coming to an Achievement Assembly. Karen had accessed £5,000 towards a school PV project and so this will now most likely be used to kick start another project, possibly at Silkmore.

There is no Planet B.....: an environmental art exhibition for all! Please come and look - or exhibit! Starts Sat 19 February through to 26 February, at St Chad's Church, main street Stafford.

Local Food Festival: to be main agenda item at the next meeting.

The Moreton Visitors expressed their thanks to our group for the warm welcome received tonight.

***Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 April at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall
(so we can go into the hall after the aerobics class)***