

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF P.A.I.N.

Held at Rainworth Village Hall, 6th December 2006

The meeting opened at 7.10 p.m.

Apologies

John Wood
Paul and Sue Cullen
Hazel Scrimshaw

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8.11.1006 were read. They were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed – B. Thompson, Seconded - L. Tift.

Matters Arising

L. Tift has opened a group bank account. Four more contact names and addresses are required to be submitted, following which an account number will be issued. Present funds accumulated and to be deposited £2050.

Secretary's Report

There has been no correspondence since the last meeting.

The local CHAD newspaper has asked for names of persons for contact purposes. Names to be forwarded, Hazel Scrimshaw, Bernard Thompson and two others to be agreed later.

Proposed – L. Tift, Seconded - M. Johnson.

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance of the group is £2050.

Various encouraging offers of help of a non-financial nature have been received.

Proposals for fund maintenance

- raffle at each meeting
- tea and coffee, for which donations will be asked

Proposed – R. Johnson, Seconded - T. Twyning

There were no matters arising.

Group Leader's Report – T. Stevens, Publicity

The following points were raised for consideration

- Requirement for a contact person, with phone number
- Committee members' address book
- Group Joining Points – local businesses/shops?
- Prepare contents of our first mass letter of protest to Government
- Requirement for a Press Release Officer
- Look for a legal representative/adviser
- Draw up a list of short and long-term aims for the group
- Organise road-side banners. Find places of prominence within private boundaries where they can be legally displayed and visible
- Car stickers (to promote the cause further afield) are currently being investigated for cost
- Key rings may be another avenue to promote the message

- Requirement for someone to research and record promotional successes and failures?
- Look further afield for sponsorship from other sympathetic groups or organisations
- Roadshows – get the message over to schools, clubs, communities outside of Rainworth
- Weather station – Bernard Thompson offered to keep daily records
- Would a printed newsletter be worthwhile?
- Promote window posters, available to download from the web site

Proposal of thanks – S. Downen, seconded - S. Stevens

Matters Arising

Prioritising our tasks.

One of the most important issues is to have one telephone number for the group that can be allocated to volunteering individuals to answer enquiries. This is currently being investigated.

At the present time, we have a deadline of September 2007 to work to before the first sitting of the Planning Committee for consideration of the incinerator application. Our aim will be to present delaying tactics and obstacles to extend that date.

Trevor gave a short overview of the reasons for the formation and aims of the group, following a question from a visitor.

Group Leader's Report – Shlomo Downen, Legal & Research

Shlomo pointed out that the main focus of our aim will be to work together to achieve maximum results and ultimately to win our cause. We must, he said, listen, learn, criticise and empathise.

He urged everyone to take part in the Friends of the Earth submission to Government, to resist the expansion of incineration of mixed waste.

He advised that there are solicitors available who will offer free legal support to voluntary groups and also that Friends of the Earth are happy to provide advice on legal matters.

He is currently investigating the work of scientists preparing reports on the health issues presented by incinerators and also looking closely at any information becoming available from county councillors.

Proposer – A. Tift, Seconded – L. Tift

Matters Arising

A number of questions and answers followed.

Support Group Report – A. Tift

Alan reported that a number of groups have already offered their support to P.A.I.N.

He advised that those attending the Parish Council conference at Kelham Hall recently had received information on our campaign.

Sherwood Forest has a place in the last 6 Living Legends bids for funding from the National Lottery. Two representatives spoke and gave information and feedback from surrounding villages. Alan raised the question regarding the proposed incinerator which would be positioned within the area of the funding site. He reported that he was immediately shouted down by representatives of Notts.

County Council on the grounds of a “conflict of interests”, and that he was later threatened by those people, who seemed only interested in the cost and revenue benefits.

The previous proposal to consider adopting the constitution of M.A.I.N. will be discussed at the next meeting.

Report from L. Tift – visit to Hampshire proposed incinerator

It was noted that the presentation was carefully planned and executed, being very convincing to those who may be less aware of the implications. All answers were conclusive but never complete on any issue or question raised. It was also noticeable that the number of new jobs envisaged for the unit would be very few.

Any Other Business

The raffle raised a total of £51

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th January 2007