

PACT Minutes Wednesday 6.8.14

Present: Peter Ward; Chris Cant; Maureen Ward; Peter Dicken; Christine Sutherland; Geoff Rockcliffe-King;

A social evening was held at Applegarth on Wed 6th August. As a quorum was present the following items of business were transacted.

1. Applications from two new members were reviewed, Proposed by Maureen Ward, seconded by Peter Dicken, and both unanimously accepted into membership. Andri Thwaites and Sheila Macdonald have thus been added to our membership list.
2. Peter Ward updated colleagues on the funds received by PACT from the Sustain Eden Project. Chris Cant declared an interest as he receives payment for his work with Freegle. Money received was to support the Freegle initiative and additionally £8k was received by PACT for general support to the project. The situation is that Chris Cant is rapidly using up the funds available for Freegle work and is proposing to reduce his hourly rate to make the money go further. Peter Ward suggested that this inappropriate and Chris should continue to charge his costs at £25 per hour. Once the Freegle money has been exhausted, he should have access to some of the general funding made available to PACT up to a maximum of £2,500. It was suggested that a budget should be developed to show how this would be expended over the balance of the project i.e. Up to September 2015. This funding would enable Chris to continue to promote his various food initiatives including his home garden visits. It was pointed out that at this level of funding Chris was still committing significant additional time and effort to the various PACT initiatives. Peter Dicken proposed that Chris Cant should have access to the finding up to a maximum of £2,500 once the Freegle money has been exhausted. Maureen Ward seconded the proposal. The proposal was unanimously agreed.