

PACT monthly meeting - Wednesday September 16th 2015

8pm at Geoff Rockliffe-King's, White Gables, Wordsworth Street, Penrith.

Present:

Directors: Chris Cant, Christine Sutherland, Geoff Rockliffe-King, John Bodger, Nigel Jenkins, Peter Simpson.

Other members: Barbara Daniel, Peter Ward

Others: Malcolm Carruthers, Rosemary and Bill White

Apologies: Heather Heron, Joan Robinson, Maureen Ward, Peter Dicken, Sally Brading

Declarations of Interest

Chris Cant and Nigel Jenkins declared an interest as their businesses receive funds from the Sustain Eden projects.

Membership

We have had four applications for membership: Sally Brading, Malcolm Carruthers, Rosemary and Bill White. All were accepted into membership and their certificates were signed. We now have 24 members.

Change of bank signatories

Following the resignation of Peter Dicken and Peter Ward as Directors we agree that the new signatories should be Chris Cant, Christine Sutherland, Nigel Jenkins and John Bodger with Chris, Christine and Nigel as the internet banking users.

We agree the following resolution as required by the bank:

Resolution:

- (1) The amendments to the Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the Mandate;
- (2) The Bank is entitled to rely upon the amended Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it, and the Bank is entitled to reply on instructions given by any person named in Section 3 and may disclose any information relating to the account to any such person;
- (3) The Bank is under no duty to make enquiries before acting on the instruction of any person named in Section 3;
- (4) The Bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per the terms and conditions of the account.

where Section 3 names Chris Cant, Christine Sutherland, Nigel Jenkins and John Bodger.

Tree Whisperers project (Christine)

Emma is putting up the exhibition of children's artwork in St Andrews church and the Soup Shop this week and all are encouraged to go and look.

There is money left in the budget which needs to be spent by the end of the year and CAFS have agreed to this being used for community tree-planting. The plan is to plant trees – fruit trees or native species – in venues such as care homes, community centres etc, with input from Gareth from Woodmatters re the number and types of trees for each venue. Barbara has offered to liaise help Emma find suitable venues. The trees should be planted in October and November: Sally and Barbara have offered to help with this but other volunteers may be needed.

Malcolm suggested some waste-ground locations for possible tree-planting and will send further details.

Emma has also been working on a Resource pack which can be used by teachers in schools which weren't able to take part in the project. This will be produced as a DVD but also available through the website (www.treewhisperers.co.uk) which Emma will maintain for two years after the project finishes. We need to make sure the resource pack is well publicized.

Resourceful Communities project (Christine)

We have until the end of March 2015 to run 5 events and most of these will be in early 2016. We have now recruited the 3 households to take part.

Give and Take event - Freegle Give and Take Day (Chris)

Organised for Saturday October 3rd at Shap Old Courthouse, 10 till 2.

Community Café events - Stone Soup Day and Tuesday Soup Days (Joan)

Stone Soup Day will be on Saturday February 6th at the Salvation Army, Penrith and soup days every Tuesday during February and March. Usual format (most of the soup is made beforehand) but this time people will be asked to bring along surplus veg etc to be used for the following session, or to drop it off at Mencap (Mencap make much of the Tuesday soup).

Grow Your Own and Composting event - Seedy Saturday (Joan)

Saturday March 12th at the Salvation Army, Penrith. Date chosen to coincide with fortnightly SA coffee morning. Based on the usual Seedy Saturday format but with extra activities re composting, demonstration of composting bins etc in side room.

Toy Swap (Chris/Christine)

Christine contacted of Eden Little Friends who are happy with the idea of a toy swap as long as it is not too close to their Nearly New sale. They will help to publicise any events. Probably in January, at either the Quaker Meeting House or Eden Arts.

Nappuchino event (to encourage parents to use real nappies not disposables) (Christine)

Christine is working on this.

Fix-it or Upcycling event (Nigel)

Nigel is going to look into this.

Hedgehog House Making (Chris/Nigel/Malcolm?)

Chris has heard nothing further from the RSPB so it seems unlikely that they will run this. Nigel and Malcolm may organize something?

Penrith Town Council (Peter Ward)

Peter reported that the Penrith Town Council are having to apply to take over services from EDC so that assets don't go to a future unitary authority. This might include services such as waste, Castle Park, the greening of Penrith etc. We agree to discuss this at our next meeting.

Fairhill housing (Geoff)

Apparently a large number of houses may be built near to Fairhill playing field. Possibly PACT should be supporting the local community in opposing this. We agree to discuss this at our next meeting.

Next meeting

October 7th at Peter Simpson's: 4 Carleton Terrace, Penrith, CA11 8LR.