

Doxey Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2006

Present :- Isabella Davies , Stephen Moore , Joan Moore, Gill Smith, Sally Hems, Nigel Barnett, Pat Perks, John Perks, John Peel, Denise Peel, Anita Sumner, Jane Essex, David Hughes and Mike Turner.

Apologies: Tunga Muzangaza.

1.Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was noted that apologies should have been recorded in respect of John Peel. That was the only correction, and the minutes agreed.

2.DCA Officers

Following the AGM, the officers of the DCA are now :

Chair - Anita Sumner

Secretary - Tunga Muzangaza

Treasurer - Rob Belcher. (The treasurer nominated and agreed at the AGM had not been able to take up the post, and Rob had agreed to step in).

3.Clear Out Day

There had been a good attendance, and not much had been left at the end of the day. The lorry that had been requested to take away any excess items was cancelled as nothing needed to be taken to the refuse tip. Joan Moore mentioned that she had met 2 families new to Doxey at the event.

4.Plant Sale

There had been a reasonable attendance. As no new houses had been built in Doxey since the last sale, no-one was starting to stock up for a new garden. Joan Moore thanked everyone involved - she said she had received magnificent support , especially in the transport of plants for the sale.

5.Mother Goose Pantomime

This had been a huge success and had received huge support. It was understood that the Doxey Players were meeting to discuss the next venture. This is likely to be a play involving only adults to be performed in October 2006, to be followed by another pantomime in April 2007, which would involve all ages.

Because the October production was smaller than the pantomime, it was hoped that a Saturday night performance could be given, which had been impossible for Mother Goose due to the size of the set, and it having to be cleared away for the church service the next morning.

15 people who had not previously been involved in DCA events had joined in with the Mother Goose production.

Gill Smith mentioned that she had a pupil who had become involved in the pantomime as part of her Community Award Scheme studies, and had gone on to more than was necessary, as she had enjoyed it so much.

It was mentioned that during the performances, the temperature in the church had become very hot. Jane Essex asked if it would be possible to hire air conditioning for future performances.

6. Mikron

Mikron Theatre company had appeared in Doxey on 10th June. The event had cost £600; ticket sales had made £377, and donations of £26.57 had been received, making a total of £403.57. 90 tickets had been sold.

Thanks were given to those who had provided cakes, and to Pat and John Perks who had supervised the refreshments. Apparently, the new actors in the theatre company were pleasantly surprised at the welcome they received. Although Dan and Rob had already told them how good it would be, it had exceed their expectations.

Feedback on the poster supplied by Mikron was that as the poster was so busy, it made it difficult for people to actually see the performance details. It was felt that this meant a few people may have missed the play.

The barbecue held afterwards at the Three Tuns was very successful. The pub was very hospitable, and it was felt that we would be welcome to do the same thing again, and so may be worth considering for a future event (possibly the DCA August social meeting?). Thanks were given to Jane and Richard Essex for providing the drum barbecue for all to use.

7. Sculpture Trail

22 people (including 4 who had never before attended a DCA event) attended and greatly enjoyed the day.

Nigel Barnett, Anita Sumner and Jane Essex identified the possibility of applying for lottery money to fund future activities for those who did not want to be involved in a drama group.

8. Forthcoming Events

Etruria Cafe Theatre - 10th July, 6.30 p.m. This is theatre group who use their own scriptwriters, but use professional actors. The scripts match food to the theme of the play.

The group have received a grant from Staffs County Council to put on the play. DCA will sell the tickets on behalf of Etruria Café Theatre group. The tickets will be in the region of £4 -£5 each. 60 people will be able to attend.

Mikron Theatre 24th September. Mikron will be performing the play "Mrs Brunel". Jane Essex will check with Mikron to check that DCA is not expected

to pay for this production, but those who attend will be asked for donations.

Doxey Day 8th July . This was being in conjunction with the school. DCA would have an stand showing what activities it is involved in , and there would be plant and bric-a- brac stalls, run by Joan Moore and Pat and John Perks respectively. Nigel Barnett gave details of what the Parish Council would be providing (horizontal bungee jumping , sumo wrestling suits). John Smith would be running the Human Fruit Machine game, and Anita Sumner said she would run a game of chance, where straws are chosen from a bed of sand. The straws would have a coloured paper inside, the colour of the paper denoting whether a prize was won or not. It was agreed that a major prize of a ticket for a family of four to go on the Blackpool Trip be provided, with the DCA paying for this .

It was asked if people would provide cakes for a cake stall.

Eileen Skelton would be asked if she could make her Doxey Archive available for people to learn more about the history of Doxey. (Nigel Barnett would ask her if she could do this).

DCA would be providing the party tent for use at the event.

Indian Dance Workshop 15th July 10.30 a.m. Culturegen had said that the dance workshop would be given free of charge. Anita Sumner would check the number of people who could attend.

Blackpool trip 2nd September Tickets are going well. David Hughes said that he hoped to be able to charter a bus solely for Doxey. He had sold 29 tickets so far.

9. Reports

Parish Council Nigel Barnett gave a short report

Youth Forum Joan Moore had attended a meeting earlier in the evening, where there were very few young people attending. One of the concerns raised was the school bus. This was very crowded, and costly. It was hoped that the Youth Forum would write to David Kidney and Mark Winnington, Parish Council, etc., on this . At present, those who attend Blessed William Howard and King Edward get a bus into town and then another into Doxey. It was said that there was a school bus that comes into Doxey , but was usually empty. Stephen Moore said he would look into this .

The Youth Forum were pleased with the youth club, but it was said that some activities could not take place because of lack of insurance cover.

Doxey Times 2 people have offered to help with the writing of this. The following items were to go into the next issue :-

Doxey Day,
Etruria Cafe
Mikron

Indian Dance workshop
Blackpool Trip
Regular events.

10. **AOB**

Joan Moore said that some were still to do all 3 Life Support course. There was £400 left , which was ring fenced for this purpose. It was suggested that the course could be extended to the Venables Estate and Castletown. Joan said she needed someone to design a poster - she will contact Katy Clapp to see if she is interested.

Digital Photography They had an outing to Down's Banks , to take photographs, with Mike Day giving advice. People can still join the group, by just turning up for each session.

Parish Plan There is to be a meeting on 23rd June at 7.30, to be held in the Church Hall. David Kidney, Peter Goodhead, Mark Winnington and Adam Tedstone were to meet Parish Council , and DCA representatives to discuss what is wanted and needed in Doxey, as shown in the Parish Plan questionnaire results. Joan Moore and Denise Peel agreed to represent the DCA, Pat and John Perks to represent the Coffee Morning, and Nigel Barnett and Stephen Moore to represent the Parish Council.

Stafford Local Partnership. This represents 300 + organisations within Stafford Borough. Doxey was represented by Stephen Moore, Joan Harvey and Hilary Chalmers. It was not known if Joan Harvey and Hilary Chalmers would be able to carry on , and so there was a need to consider representation before September, as it is important to be able to put forward Doxey's point of view and interests.

Clifton, Nottingham Mike Turner said he had recently attended Clifton Village Weekend, where various events (choral , jazz, flower show, etc.,) took place over Friday - Sunday. Perhaps this was something Doxey could aspire to ?

Strawberry Teas Sunday 18th June afternoon 2.30 onwards at the Church

11. **Correspondence**

Joan Moore said she had something about Green Awards, which Doxey has received in previous years. Application had to be made by 7th July.

She had also received details of Skills Base -SDVS training courses .