

## **CROWCOMBE COMMUNITY CHEST(CCC)**

**Meeting of the Custodians at Church House on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Jonathan Denton(Chairman). Dan Davis, Bob Druitt, Ben Fawden, Chris Lewis, (Custodians). David Freemantle, Justin Sargent.

### **Appointment of Officers**

It was agreed that Jonathan would remain as Chairman and act as secretary for this meeting and that Dan would step in as secretary in April, workload permitting. All the Custodians were duly re-elected for another year and no new candidates were put up for election.

### **Administration**

It was decided that all funds would be administered by Somerset Community Council (SCC), and that it was not appropriate for CCC to run its own accounts at this stage. A recent donation can be used for administrative costs, and these will be reimbursed by SCC. The secretary will send a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Bob was asked to send Jonathan a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between CCC and Crowcombe Parish Council, for his records.

### **Finance**

There has been a muted response so far from the village regarding the raising of funds. So far 3 donors have given a total of £625, this is obviously well short of our target of £25,000, at which stage we will be in a position to consider applications for grants. The tangible donations to date are via Gift Aid, but we would prefer to receive Legacies, so as not to distract people from giving to other charitable causes within the village (e.g. the Church Organ Fund). David pointed out that we have no idea how many legacies have been made and he will try and do some research on this. It was agreed that if donors wanted to make Legacies that we would suggest that they do this via their solicitor.

### **Strategy**

After a general discussion it was agreed that the Custodians were not fund raisers, and that the point of the CCC was to provide a vehicle for people to leave (Legacies), or give (Gift Aid), money to the village in order to provide, 'support to benefit the Parishioners of Crowcombe.' These grants can be provided to either individuals or organisations.

It was agreed that a 3 point strategy should be implemented to market CCC.

First, an article would be written to appear in CAW on an occasional, (every other issue) basis. We would highlight that the fund is open and that donations have started to come in. Jonathan would draft a piece and send it round to the Custodians for approval, for the Feb/March edition.

Second, Jonathan would approach Rita Butterworth to see if the same article could be placed in the Pathways Magazine, to market CCC outside of the Parish.

Third, Justin volunteered to produce a small flyer, advertising the existence of CCC and again highlighting how to donate, and announcing that donations are coming in. This would go up on one or more of the 4 poster boards in the parish.

Finally, Jonathan and David agreed to target a small group of people and host a lunch/tea to discuss with them how to go about making a legacy. If any other Custodians know, or hear about, anyone who it would be appropriate to approach please let either of them know.

It was generally appreciated that our objectives were long term, and that a softly, softly approach was appropriate due to the delicate nature of the subject. However, as Custodians our duty is to spread the word and make sure that everyone becomes aware of the existence of CCC.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**7.00pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016**