



LRSG Minutes Thursday 22nd February 2018
The Bell Inn

Attending: Frances T (chair); Janet & Dave R; Ruth M; Jo & James Rider; Jan Broom; Georgy Bellem; Joe Thompson; Terry F; Bill G; Sarah Gale; Jain Ritchie

Apologies: Trevor C; Elspeth N; Philip M; Roger C-O; Rob B

Reports & discussion:

Treasurer:

- £6558 total in our account
- £4395 donations
- £1030 monthly donations (£130 per month)
- £1321 special events

We need more from monthly donations; DR has produced a leaflet, and we will have 5000 printed for all to distribute.

The minimum target under the 'hybrid model' we are pursuing is £8-9,000.

Regular givers are needed: our bank details again are:

Bank Account name: Launceston Refugee Support Group

Account number: 24335460

Sort Code: 30-94-91

Secretary:

- Charity Commission decision expected in the very near future
- Crowdfunder: several suggested ways to help set this up: BG to co-ordinate, with a plan to launch in April
- Town councillors to be invited to take part; perhaps through meeting at the Presentation Evening 18th April (Frances, Janet & Terry to attend)
- IOM training day in St Austell 27th March; several to attend (9.45-3pm)
- A list of suggested supporters from Andy Lyle; if you have any connection, please contact these:
 - Jonathan Parnell at Folk 2 Folk

- Launceston Churches Together including Mervyn Bate
- Stuart Robertson (Jewellers) married to Tina Yardley (Head of Wadebridge School)
- Ian Bellamey Launceston Mobility Centre (also owns Plymouth Mobility Centre)
- Sarah Holdaway Cornwall Community Foundation
- Mark Duddridge Chair of Governors Callington College
- Rob B has relinquished management of our FB page; BG will monitor this and involve others in posting and managing the page.
- Website update? Roger C-O to be asked to look at this.

Chair:

- Will attend IOM training day
- With BG, attending Launceston College Year 9 presentation Friday 2nd March, will also meet Scott Mann.
- Will attend Rotary meeting Monday 26th February
- We have a donation from a clothing firm; shirts, school uniform of various hues and sizes. We could sell them on to raise funds.

From Trevor Cook: Tuesday Donation Sessions at Central Methodist Church 10am – 12 are going well and regular gifts are being received from the generous people in our community. Saturday Feb 24th at 9.30am Rob and a team of volunteers will be loading up in preparation for the next trip to France, and this consignment will be for the work of the Charity “Open Hearts Open Borders”. Rob has arranged that any unsuitable clothes, items, etc, can be put into black plastic bags and re-cycled through the Ragbag Charity. Ragbag Labels are available at Central for future use, and all proceeds will go towards the costs of funding the deliveries across the channel. A new priority list will be available soon and posted online, in the local press, and various networks in and around the Launceston area.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your help on Tuesdays.

Rob has plans for a Jumble Sale, Cake Stall and Coffee Morning, at Central Methodist Church Hall on a Saturday morning in the next couple of months. Date to be confirmed.

Events/Fundraising:

After much discussion a possible draft programme emerged (none confirmed as yet):

April: Regular lunch: Jo & James Rider

May: Saturday 19th Sponsored walk at Crackington Haven: Georgy Bellem

June: Music event at Town Hall - FT & BG to ask for support: Lee Trenoweth; College; Alison Werren (Lionhat Collective available on 23rd and 30th)

July: Active day finishing at the Parade Ground: Joe Thomson has offered support

August:

September:

October: Feast Night: Joe Thomson has offered support & help

Also: Autumn farm walk (James Rider)

In addition, ideas generated in conversation after the meeting:

- Get involved in Launceston Carnival (possibly a float?) with donations available.
- Collect at the Car Boot sales held regularly at Launceston College (10th March onwards)
- Advertise ourselves on the Launceston Noticeboard FB page

Deadline of Monday 5th March: If you can help at all with any of the suggested events, please e-mail in with dates, key people etc. so that we can update our events list.

AOB

We can expect a family by the summer; our fundraising may well focus on items that cannot be funded centrally. We should know more detail by the March & April meetings.

Next meeting: **Thursday 29th March** - BG away; can someone else take notes/minutes please?