



LRSB Minutes Thursday 24th May 2018
The Bell Inn, 7:30pm

Attending: Georgy Bellem; Joe Thomson; Terry Faull; Bill Glen; Elspeth Nicholson; Keith Roberts; Frances Tippett, Janet Rogerson; Ruth Christine; Jain Ritchie; Karen Farrington, Rev Alison Hardy, Philip Medland, David Rogerson, Sylvia Wright
Apologies: Roger C-O, Trevor Cook, Jan Broom

Reports & discussion:

Charity Status

Charity status was granted this week: Charity No. 1178812. All trustees have been sent a welcome e-mail. This affects us financially:

Gift Aid: Donations made by tax-payers can be increased by 25p in the £ if the GA form is completed. Small donations of £20 or less can also be claimed against, whether the donor is a tax payer or not, up to a maximum of £8000 pa.

Finances: £9,300 in our account

Housing and allocation of a family

Brewers met with CC officers at a site visit; council concern seems to be the long term financial viability of the house. Their preference is to have a property within the housing benefit cap. CC has been asked to consider an extended family option. Serena is still off work; there seems to be an impasse at the moment.

Although the hybrid model is still our preferred option, we could decide to go for the full community funded option as Bude RSG have done.

Collections

Trevor has sent a message asking for help in loading the next shipment to camps in Greece: Tuesday 10th July 6.30pm at Central Methodist.

Suggestions for future collecting points: Library/Supermarkets?

How do we collect from September, when Trevor will step down?

Fundraising events:

Benefit Gig Saturday 30th June

Arrangements were outlined; all were asked to promote as much as possible.

3pm entry to the Town Hall; Mark Souter & Rebecca Brewer will organise food

Various ways of extending our publicity were discussed and agreed.

Contact other refugee support groups (Frances)

Photography (Bill)

Banner for the Town Hall (Joe)

All urged to attend and to support as much as possible.

Garden Party

Postponed to a Saturday in early September - 8th or 15th?

AOB - suggestions for future events

Public meeting in Autumn to promote LRSG (Bill)

Flyers for Victorian Market (Georgy)

Monthly market 'sign up' suggested - has to have Tourist Information approval.

Regular lunch/meal/feast during the winter - possibly at Launceston CC?

Wreath Making - Friday 7th December (Frances)

Frances to speak to Town Council?

The minimum total target under the 'hybrid model' we are pursuing is £16,000

Regular givers are needed: our bank details again are:

Bank Account name: Launceston Refugee Support Group

Account number: 24335460

Sort Code: 30-94-91

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th July at The Bell