



## **Annual Network Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Malvern Cube, Albert Road North, Malvern**

**Attendance:** Raphael Bate, Ginny Lee, Nathan Burlton, Dinah Sage, Jan Dyer, Harold Armitage, Brian Harper

**Apologies:** Dr John Harcup, Pam McCarthy, Mike Munro Turner, Ian Caldwell, Robin Coates, Chris Dyer, Will Tooby, Jane Tooby

## **Approval of Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

The minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were signed as an accurate record. Proposed by Ginny Lee, seconded by Raphael Bate. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

## **Election of Officers**

**Chairperson:** Nathan Burlton was proposed by Ginny Lee, seconded by Raphael Bate. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Ian Caldwell should continue as Treasurer, subject to his agreement. Proposed by Dinah Sage, seconded by Ginny Lee. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

**Secretary:** Dinah Sage was proposed by Ginny Lee, seconded by Ginny Lee. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

### **Raised beds**

More beds have been made and signs put up.  
Attempts to contact the Food Bank have been made.

### **Failure of plasterboard installation**

The building regulations require plasterboard to be fastened to the wall with a dab of plaster at each corner, and the edges sealed. The Energy Tracing

survey on a house in Malvern Vale showed that the edges have not been sealed, so the plasterboard is not providing effective insulation.

This appears to be a common problem, as it does not form part of the building inspection checks. But the computer programme used to calculate the thermal efficiency of housing assumes sealing has been done.

Brian Harper is arranging a meeting with Festival Housing, and is raising awareness through the AECB (The Association for Environment Conscious Building).

## **Treasurer's report**

The accounts for the year 2013-14 are available on the TMH website.

The accounts now identify groups' money going through the Transition bank account.

The grand total of all movements through the TMH account showed income exceeded expenditure by £122.26.

The Malvern Hills Food Alliance now has a completely separate account.

The AONB made a contribution towards the raised beds.

Jan Dyer proposed that the accounts should be accepted. Ginny Lee seconded the proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Transition Malvern Hills would like to thank David Taft for formally examining the accounts.

## **Quorum**

A quorum of fifteen as specified in the Constitution is proving impossible to achieve.

After discussion, the decision was made to hold an email poll on reducing the quorum to six.

Dinah will organise this.

## **Annual Report of Transition Malvern Hills**

### **Raised Beds**

TMH continues to support the raised beds at Malvern Cube.

### **Inner Transition**

Monthly meetings to discuss the philosophical and spiritual side of change regularly attract about fifteen participants.

#### Repair Café

Outreach sessions are being added to the monthly cafes at Malvern Cube. Waitrose is making a donation through Community Matters.

#### Malvern Hill Food Alliance

MHFA is taking part in the Victoria Park Festival, with Love Food Hate Waste. Demand for a regular food market will be assessed. The MHFA website is up and running. A link with Growing Worcestershire may be possible.

#### Malvern Hills Partnership

More detailed accounts can be found in the reports to the Malvern Hills Partnership, which are produced every three months. *The latest report (July 2014) is on the Transition website.*

Topics covered include

- Introductory/social events (See printed calendars in shops, or TMH website)
- Gardenshare scheme
- Inner Transition
- Car clubs
- Electric bike loan scheme
- Home energy efficiency
- Work with MHDC on broadening its approach to energy efficiency
- Supporting Malvern Youth and Community Trust
- Malvern Community Forest
- Gasketeer lighting
- Repair Café
- Malvern Hills Food Alliance
- Malvern Community Energy Co-operative
- Route to the Hills
- Social networking
- Possible contact with the Chase
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### **Questions and ideas for new initiatives**

#### Malvern by gaslight

Now the existing gas lamps have been refurbished, a campaign has begun to have the centre of Malvern lit by “gas lamps” and to have ring of lamps around the hills.

This could be achieved by adding electric “gas” lamps, which can conform to road lighting regulations. *Negotiation with the MHDC and publicity have begun.*

#### Energy Tracers

Energy surveys may provide evidence for the poor performance of dot and dab plasterboard as insulation.

#### Inner Transition

Raphael Bates and Melanie Jameson have started to help Mike MunroTurner with running Inner Transition. They are figuring out what is most useful, and considering linking session in a progressive way, rather than the current random selection of topics.

#### Daytime Conference

A conference is being planned for 21<sup>st</sup> November, featuring good scientific information on climate change.

#### Malvern Observer

TMH has been offered a monthly column in the Malvern Observer.

#### Electric Automobile Association (Electraa)

Jim Murphy is launching an association for people interested in electric cars with a display of six vehicles.

#### Film “The Uncomfortable Truth”

We’d spent so much time talking there wasn’t time for the film.

#### - Date of next meeting

The next Annual Network meeting will be held in July 2014.