

Report from the Trustees' meeting on 30 March 2009

Finance

2 East Hall cottages has, at last, been sold for £190,000. This means the money borrowed from the buildings funds of both centres can be repaid and there is a cushion to carry us through while the centres work hard to break-even and set aside money for ongoing repairs and replacements. It is a huge relief. The Trustees have decided to leave the farm on the market at its current price.

A small budget group worked with the two centres to present the 2009/2010 budget which was approved. It has a small deficit only because a realistic amount for replacements and repairs has been put in. Both centres expect to break-even on their operating costs – but they will need full membership support in that effort, both in visiting the centres and promoting the programmes.

Bradwell

The Trustees supported a proposal from the Buildings SubCommittee that Bradwell formally declare itself committed to renewable energy sources and low energy use. As part of that commitment, it was agreed that the final decision on either generating our own electricity (through a combination of wind, solar, pv cells and a generator) or going on the grid would be delayed until the effect of a year of wind and solar power generation had been monitored - probably not until the end of 2010. The Trustees welcomed the application being made to the East Anglian Development Agency (EEDA) for funding to build a replacement for the Bank along 'green' lines and agreed to add 30% to whatever was awarded (the maximum being £200,000).
Stop press: EEDA has awarded Bradwell £103,000

Burton Bradstock

The Trustees welcomed the news of the appointment of Mark Tocknell as the new Facilities Co-ordinator and also that, after some set-backs, the work on the rebuilding of *Littleness* was moving forward again.

Trustees and their roles.

The Trustees approved a paper setting out the roles of the link trustees for the two centres. John Watters announced that, given work and family commitments, he could not, after all, undertake the role of Lead Link Trustee for Burton Bradstock. Pat Price-Tomes would, therefore, be the sole link trustee while a second was recruited. Dave Evans, who comes to the end of his first five years as a trustee in June, announced that he would not be standing for a second five years at this point, although his support for the Community would, of course, continue. Pat Price-Tomes reminded the trustees that a new Community Secretary needed to be found – if possible to shadow her from September onwards. It was agreed to advertise not only in Full Circle and our web-sites, but also through the NCVO web-site, as the Community Secretary does not need to be a Trustee.

Sheila Maxey
Chair of Trustees