

Cambridge Venue Group

Minutes of the meeting on 16 July 1986

1. Apologies: Jane Gallienne, Jem Linsey, Birgitte Bruun, Mark Watch, Mark Russell, Dave Mantripp, Cathryn Raffan.
2. Minutes of the last meeting to be copied and approved next week.
3. Secretary has resigned, but wants it noted that she is still a member and supports CVG.

Mark Russell is willing to continue as treasurer; CVG currently owes approx. £1,175, and is owed £1,069 and has £853 in the bank, i.e. has £750 in hand.

Cheque signatories: need to replace those who have dropped out / are hard to contact. Cheque signatories were chosen: Mark Russell, Dave Gower and Nan Newman. They now also have responsibility for authorising payments: both Dave and Nan must agree a payment, since Mark will not be in such close contact with what is happening.

4. Carried over to next week - nominations invited for post of secretary.

5. Reports:

- i) A&R meeting. Nan reported that the meeting had decided to ditch Elizabeth Way proposal, to look at the Cattle Market further, and restated its commitment to make £250,000 available for the project (implication being that more might be available from another council committee), and its intention to provide a simple rather than complex venue.

- ii) Pete H. reported on a meeting he and Dave had had with Cllr Andrew Duff about his proposal to include the venue in the council's revamping of the swimming pool and sports hall on Gonville Place. They intend to get a developer to build a hotel and throw in the improvement to the pool etc, and Cllr Duff suggests that it would be possible and desirable to build the venue on the site too, with the council spending money on it. This is a late alteration to the brief for the site, which has gone to developers already; the sum could well be about £1,000,000 - not too likely to come off.

- iii) Vagabond: they have found a warehouse which is on the market for £360,000 (actually two warehouses/factory units being sold together). One has fitted out cafeteria; alarm system, fire exits and equipment there, and power; conversion costs are low according to Vagabond. Propose to raise funds to buy the freehold, and to approach city council for fitting out costs. Management committee to run it, as in Albany Empire: one unit for events etc, one for workspace for small businesses / community businesses / co-ops, with condition that they train and employ young people.

- iv) Meeting last night with Cllrs Todd and Smith. They reaffirmed that only £250,000 was available from A&R, but gave verbal assent to the idea of a complex venue, and recognised need to sort out transport problems, access etc on the Cattle Market site.

Vagabond arranging visit to warehouse site for council, CVG next week.

6. CVG policy on sites: the 30 July special meeting would decide.
 7. Summary (by DG) and Business Plan (by PH) to be done by end of July, but subject to special meeting to some extent.
- Open meeting: letters being sent out tomorrow; John Bruhn will do display.

Cambridge Venue Group Meeting 7.00 p.m. 23 July 1986

Old St Philip's School Ross Street

Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last two meetings.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports - Treasurer
 - others
5. Election of Secretary and Treasurer.
6. Open meeting: final preparations, including selection of chairperson.
7. Any other business.

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