

## MINUTES FOR CVG MEETING 9.12.87

PRESENT. Jem Linsey, L Disley, J Wroe, N Welsh, G Thompson, N Newman.

APOLOGIES. R Muir, P Robertson, E Orme

CHAIR. Jon Wroe

TREASURER'S REPORT. A cheque for £20 has been returned from Coleridge School which is the deposit for the cancelled gig. If the Ch. stubbs are right this leaves the current balance at £93.83.

£40 is to be returned from PA Co. for the gig which was then held in the Guildhall and this will cover publicity costs. Jem and Pete R will try and push this through. Investigations into Accounts have so far shown a few problems.

On meeting 25.8.87 Pete Ingram was elected as Treasurer. Subsequently a variation to mandate dated 27.8.87 was submitted saying that the previous meeting had decided that P Ingram was to be sole signatory for the Account. This was signed by J Taylor (Chair) and C Crawford (Sec) without instruction from a prior meeting. On 5.9.87 a cheque was issued to J Taylor for £103.61-This had not gone through a meeting for authorisation. On 15.9.87 a meeting was held when 26 members plus extra observers were present and no mention of these activities were made.

On 1.10.87 P Ingram presented a written Treasurers Report as shown in previous minutes. On 14.10.87 The change of Mandate became apparent to CVG Members.

This is the first meeting that the full accounts have come to light and we consider this very serious and will treat it as such. Action: 1) Ask TSB to explain how this happened 2) Investigate events further and decide on action at next meeting.

Jems address will be given to TSB for future statements and he will send a letter to them, naming new signatories and saying that Pete I is no longer one.

STEERING GP REPORT. The plans are progressing and costs are still rising, partly due to sound insulation and new Access costs. The Council will do their best to reverse the decision re. access. Fundraising- Eric will be used for both appeals. CVG asked for a report from RAVEN RECORDS. There has been discussion with BREWERIES and things look good. Discussion of MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE will be resumed at the next meeting with feedback from Council, Eric, and CVG members. JAY and PETEs resignations were noted and the sensational and damaging Press criticised. CVG denied having organised the illegal parties held recently, although it was apparent that some members knew these events were going to occur. It was noted that CVG must take great care in making its members act in a responsible way to promote a positive image of the Group and its aims.

AGM REPORT As in last minutes.

AOB. Simon Mathews is pursuing reclamation of losses from the Education Authority on our behalf for the Coleridge gig.

PETE and JAY. Following their resignation they have publicly criticised the CVG without having put their points to the Group. With the image of CVG utmost in its thoughts, the Group have not replied via the Press but have written letters putting these comments in context to all Councillors.

A peice in Town Crier 9.12.87 expressed CVGs position and we have Tom Ling to thank for his accurate interpretation of the situation. It was agreed that Jay and Pete should be reprimanded for bringing CVG into disrepute.

Following letters requesting the return of all CVG property and visits from members to collect this, no property has been returned and apparently Jay wishes to keep the Computer on lieu of debts from CVG which he will not specify. They have been asked to explain their actions and then the Group can decide on the position.



#### RESPONSIBILITY AND IMAGE.

It was noted that all members of CVG must be aware that their actions can be interpreted either as individual or as those of the Group. It is therefore essential to liaise with other members before even seemingly inoffensive actions, in order to ensure that the Venue progresses a.s.a.p.

It was noted that P Robertson did not liaise with other members before including a reference to a party, on CVG handbills and that this action has brought CVG into disrepute and could have undermined the success of the scheme. Pete was rebuked for this and reminded of his responsibility as Press Officer. It is hoped that all members will in future consult fully with CVG before any actions, especially those relating to Publicity/Media coverage and the general image of CVG and the Venue.

PRESS COVERAGE since this unfortunate copy has been well presented. The Officers have contacted other Members before making statements and a Radio interview with Pete and Lyn went very well.

AOB suspended until next meeting.