

OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND

FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 9 – MONDAY 01.09.08 AT 7pm IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman) David Smith **Apologies:** Stephen Stokes
 Brenda Ball Jo Smith
 Adrian Wilson Sally Parrott
 Mary Peeters Ambrose McGinn
 Lynn Hillston Roger Hawkins
 Francesca Bateman Susan Hawkins
 Nicola Hale

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 8** on 28.07.08 was approved for circulation.

2. **Future events**

- **The Great Oving Run at 11.00h on 14.09.08.** Final arrangements were discussed for:

Start in car park and finish at Pavilion
Signage around the route – Brenda to organise
Marshalling
Water point – Susie to organise
Pavilion refreshments – Lynn to organise
Certificates
Sponsorship – runners to seek sponsors or make donation

There was a suggestion that the event requires more exposure, and Mary agreed to circulate Tennis Club members for runners and sponsors, while Roger B would do the same with Oving FC. Ambrose will try to get a mention in the Bucks Herald. There are currently 12 confirmed runners.

- **ABBA Night.** Francesca reported that the event would take place on Saturday 22nd November 2008 at Quanton Memorial Hall, which has been booked at a cost of £110. An ABBA Tribute Band has been identified, and will charge £650 for the night. Joe Ryan will be asked to organise the bar again, and there will be a finger buffet rather than a meal. After some discussion, it was decided to price tickets at £15 for adults and £7.50 for under-16's. The Hall can accommodate well over 100 people, who would produce a surplus including bar profits of at least £1,000.
- **Christmas Carols at Ground Farm Barn.** This event will take place on Monday 22nd December 2008. Mary reported that she is still trying to persuade some members of the Church Choir to lead the singing, but has some

replacements in mind if necessary. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided, and it may be appropriate to seek donations rather than charge an entry fee.

- **Valentine's Ball on Saturday 14th February 2009.** Although Maxine and Clive Myatt are pleased to host this event at Church Farm, Maxine has pointed out that issues such as car parking, lighting, heating and mud need to be addressed. Jo has been researching the event, and will arrange a site visit. She has formed a sub-group of six to make the arrangements, and it is planned to hire a large marquee from Dinton. Other matters such as catering, sponsorship, live music and ticket costs are being considered.
- **Car raffle.** It is intended to draw the raffle at the Ball. Ambrose reported that in the current economic climate, a very attractive deal has been negotiated with Keith Garages for a brand new VW Golf Diesel at around £15,000. Lynn has been seeking advice from the Licensing Officer at AVDC about the legal situation, but he has not been much help. Ambrose offered to seek independent advice, and Roger H can print the tickets. These will be priced at £2 in books of five. We shall need to sell 1,500 books to break even. It could be possible to sell from a kiosk in Friars Square over the Christmas period with the car on display.

3. Funding up-date

Roger B reported that the WRG Communities Challenge Application for £250,000 would be considered by a local panel on 15th September. There are two other applications from our area, and the Panel must choose one and a reserve to go forward to the final stage.

If the Application is successful, there is a need for £27,500 third party funding, which would be sought from AVDC. Roger B has written a letter to the Grants and Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer at AVDC, providing details of the project and progress to date, and seeking an indication of likely participation by AVDC.

Our preferred third major funder is the Football Foundation, from whom we would seek £75,000. Initial approaches have to be made through the local Berks and Bucks FA, who require a Football Development Plan, which is being prepared by Oving Football Club.

- 4. Date of next meeting:** Monday 6th October at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.