

## OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND

### FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 14 – MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2009 AT 7PM IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING

**Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)**

**David Smith**

**Sally Parrott**

**Mary Peeters**

**Adrian Wilson**

**Lynn Hillston**

**Susie Hawkins**

**Jack Peeters (Item 2 only)**

**Apologies: Jo Smith**

**Roger Hawkins**

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 13** on 19.01.09 was approved.

#### 2. **Tennis Tournament**

Jack Peeters reported to the Group that he was approached some time ago by Harriet Cullen of Oving House with an offer to use her tennis court for a fund-raising event. It was agreed that the format should be family-orientated, with refreshments available. There may be entrance fees for the grounds and the competition, but these are yet to be decided. Susie offered her own court for the preliminary rounds if necessary. The weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July was earmarked, and Jack later confirmed with Harriet that Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July would be the most convenient for her. **Jack agreed to plan the event.**

#### 3. **Forthcoming events**

- **Quiz Night at the Black Boy on 19.03.09 at 7.30pm.**

Tickets for this event are still available, and David will be reminding residents who have indicated an interest. All arrangements are in place for the night.

- **Oving Springtime Ball on 16.05.09**

Deposits for the marquee and the band have now been paid. Ticket sales are going well, with 14 of the 20 tables reserved, and 7 tables sponsored at £100 each. Mary, Sally and Lynn reported that a number of catering volunteers have been recruited to prepare food on the day. Sally reminded the Group that raffle prizes are required, and should be delivered to her.

- **Car Raffle**

There was no-one at the Meeting to provide an up-date on the raffle. Susie said she believed the process of licensing was nearly resolved, but she would ask Roger H on his return from Germany, to come back to the Group straight away with the latest information, confirming when the sale of tickets is likely to begin and the draw to take place.

#### **4. Funding up-date**

Roger B reported that he has submitted an Expression of Interest Form for a £50,000 grant from the Leader Programme (European money available for rural projects) and awaits a response.

The Berks and Bucks FA has indicated that projects are assessed by the Football Foundation in terms of their usage, strategic need and value for money. Our proposed new pavilion “would not represent value for money” based on its relatively small usage and amount required. A request for a smaller grant (up to £20,000) may be more appropriate.

For the past two years, unsuccessful applications have been made to the WRG Communities Challenge for a grant of £250,000. This is a competition run by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) to allocate £2m to local projects within a 10-mile radius of landfill sites. In 2008, applications for funds totalled £25m throughout the UK, and the two nominated projects within our region at the Bucks Railway Centre and Bletchley Park did not reach the final stage of assessment. The Challenge for 2009 will be a bio-diversity project, for which we do not qualify. However, normal applications for grants up to £50,000 can still be submitted to WREN.

#### **5. Any other business**

Susie suggested a scarecrow competition within the village, and will develop the idea as a possible future event.

#### **6. Date of next meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.