

**COMMUNITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9 June 2009 at 11:00am**

Present: Mike Bruce  
Jackie Ferguson  
John Rankine  
Pamela Menzies  
Marion Reynolds  
Dorothy Sneddon

Apologies: David McLaren

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>1 <b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b> Previous minutes were agreed</p> <p>Matters Arising: <b>Family Fun Day / BBQ at Beecraigs</b> Due to the potential minimal interest in the Family Fun Day the committee are loathe to arrange anything at present. The committee agreed to obtain feedback from staff to ascertain how many people are likely to attend and what type of things they would like to do i.e entertainment provided, play field games like rounders etc. An alternative indoor event could also be considered which would avoid complications with the weather i.e a family race night. The committee will canvas ideas and opinions from all staff and will discuss again at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Cook / Bake Wednesday</b> It was raised that some members of staff feel they have been excluded from the above event. The committee offer our sincere apologies if anyone is feeling they have been excluded from this event, it was certainly not intended. The original e-mail was issued to all Weslo sites (Bathgate Office, Yard &amp; Bo'ness) asking if anyone was interested in participating in making goods to sell to other members of staff and raise funds for the Charity of the Year. No members of staff from Bo'ness responded to the e-mail, the Yard indicated they may be interested but so far have not agreed on anything. Several members of staff from Bathgate Office did respond and came up with ideas and suggestions for things to make. Bathgate Office obviously have much better kitchen facilities available so it is easier for staff to prepare things. However we would like to welcome new initiatives and if anyone wishes to organise something this can be done at any time. So far the Cook / Bake Wednesdays have raised a total of £134.00 which is fantastic. The more we can raise for SiMBA, the better.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>

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2	<p><b><u>CURRENT SUBMISSIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>a) West Lothian Woman's Aid</b> The Committee were happy to pay for the advert in their Annual Report. Cost £109.25</p> <p><b>b) The Bathgate in Bloom Project</b> The committee had agreed to again sponsor a hanging basket which is located outside the Regal Resource Centre at the cost of £55.00. It was also raised that the pole outside our Yard does not yet have a basket on it. John will look in to the possibility of Weslo also sponsoring a hanging basket there. Additional cost £55.00</p> <p><b>c) Community pride Fund – Dumfries &amp; Galloway Housing Partnership</b> Mike had circulated details of how the above named organisation deal with applications from local community groups. Dave to look in to this to see if we can use some of their ideas to assist us in our process for allocating funds.</p> <p><b>d) Fauldhouse Community Fair Day 05/09/2009</b> We have supported this annual event for the past few years. Marion will contact the event organiser to see what type of donation would be of most value to them i.e vouchers, goods purchased etc – Maximum value £100</p> <p><b>e) The Edinburgh Moonwalk 2009</b> Linda Gibson is in training for the Edinburgh Moonwalk – a 26 mile walk through the night to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research. The Committee agreed Weslo will match the money raised by Linda from Weslo staff donations. We also agreed that if Linda wears and prominently displays a T-shirt or Hat etc with the Weslo logo we would increase our donation by £50.00. Photographic evidence taken on the night must be provided.</p>
3	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a) Prestonfield Pro-Am Golf Event</b> - £400 cost to be removed from the Community Budget spend.</p> <p><b>b) The Mary Leishman Foundation</b> Following on from the Weslo Away Day where Jim Leishman gave an excellent motivational speech, June Harper decided to ask all staff if they would be interested in making a donation to the Mary Leishman Foundation. Jim has set himself a target to raise £100,000 in the 12 months following his wife's death. The money is to be donated to local charities who assist children with special needs – a cause which was close to Mary's heart. The committee agreed to match the funds raised by Weslo staff.</p>
4	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 11:00am</p>