

Suffolk IVC Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Date – Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 19:30

Venue – The Kings Head, Hadleigh IP7 5EF

Those attending

Shirley Horne	SH	Jenny Lowless	JL
Bill Macintosh	BM	Brad Rawlings	BR
Phil Riches	PR		

The meeting was opened at 7:40

Martin Newman joined the proceedings

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Clegg (DC) and Judith Scott.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on August 15th were adopted.

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Officer's Reports

BR said that the three prospectives had now joined and membership was back up to 33, with another Essex member asking about joining Suffolk. SJ suggested that BR should e-mail contact details of enquirers to their nearest committee member for a chat and encouragement to join.

Bill Mackintosh circulated his latest report showing a balance of £980 with a forecast of £870 for the end of the financial year. There was some discussion on the £5 discount on the annual subscription for putting on an event and it was decided to discontinue the practice. It was noted that aIVC had refunded £5 to SIVC, the balance after deducting the levy and refunding conference travel expense; BM wrote a cheque to BR for his travel expenses to the aIVC conference in Cambridge.

PR had acquired some personalisation software for forwarding documents via e-mail to a list of people. There was a suggestion that this could be used for a mail drop to people who had in the past not joined or never even become prospectives.

5) Google Ads

PR said that he would continue experimenting with Google Ads and would check to see that requests were being forwarded to BR.

6) AGM

It was agreed that PR's new software should be used to send out the AGM letter, which would include the offer of a free drink (as agreed by a majority vote). SH to do the letter; BR to forward the 2015 AGM minutes, the suggested agenda, and a membership list; BM to forward a nomination form. SH said that she would not be standing for a committee position this year and advised that DC had withdrawn her offer of help as ALO.

7) Christmas Dinner Dance

At the August meeting SH had found some venues for a suggested Christmas dinner/dance which she had circulated but had had no response to date from the rest of the committee. She made a further request for replies by the 20th; as it was getting somewhat late for booking a Christmas 'do' it

was suggested that January may be an alternative. BR said that Kersey Mill would advise if another date became available.

8) Events

PR had a couple of music events in Ipswich to promote. At the July meeting BM had said that he was planning a 10 pin bowling in Bury and Judith had offered a walk from Aldeburgh to Thorpeness.

It was suggested that the Newmarket event put on by SH in the last couple of years may be an opportunity for a shared event with Cambridge and Essex.

9) AOB

There was no other business

10) Next Committee Meetings

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday, October 10th at 7:30 in The Waggon and Horses, Acton Square, Church Walk, Sudbury CO10 1HJ. A further committee meetings was agreed for Thursday, November 17th, with a venue to be set after the AGM.

The meeting was closed at 20:55