

Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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Report of a meeting of the Organising Committee of the Group (Meeting reference 20120117)

A meeting of the Organising Committee of ATAG was held on Tuesday 17th January 2012, at 8 Clock Tower View, Atworth. The primary purpose was to agree the arrangements for the Public Meeting planned for 15th (now 22nd) February 2012 at 7:30pm at the Neston Farm Shop, Atworth.

20120117/1 Present

Paul Escott (Chair), Ruth Griffin, Mavis King (Vice Chair), Lynne Spencer, Kenneth Spencer.

20120117/2 Apologies

Simon Bettles, Wally Beale, Christine Gibson, Pippa McVeigh.

Kenneth Spencer reported emails from Simon Bettles and Christine Gibson in which they both expressed their continuing firm support for ATAG but explained that their circumstances would limit their involvement in the Organising Committee.

20120117/3 To arrange a Public Meeting on 22nd (was to be 15th) February

Please note that the items below were not discussed in the order presented on the agenda.

20120117/3.1 Venue

Ruth Griffin explained that the Neston Farm Shop would not be available for the 15th February, but would be available on the following week. It was agreed to amend the date to Wednesday 22nd February. As there was a notice for the 15th in the February magazine, which was currently with the printers, Kenneth would inform members when he had the copies so that they could be amended.

20120117/3.2 Room arrangement

It was agreed that the café would be arranged with a table for the committee and rows of chairs for the attending residents. Kenneth Spencer would provide a computer projector and screen so that the issues for discussion could be clearly presented to the meeting.

20120117/3.3 Publicity

The notice of the meeting already placed in the Atworth Village magazine, February 2012 issue will require amending to 22nd February as soon as the magazine comes from the printers.

Kenneth Spencer provided for consideration a design suggestion for a poster which was liked by everyone. Kenneth will email it to everyone for dropping through doors, for notice boards, for electricity+telephone poles, the school, and anywhere else.

He would let Ruth have physical printed copies for distribution as she sees fit.

It was agreed that we will contact Jason of the Melksham Independent News for editorial content about the meeting.

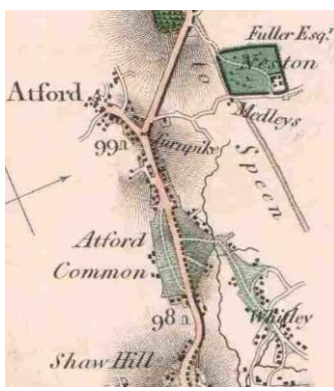
20120117/3.4 Membership

The arrangements for membership of ATAG that might be offered to residents were discussed but not concluded. There was no decision on a possible membership fee, membership by recording or management. Both KA Spencer (Software) and Paul Escott mentioned available Membership Database Software.

Mavis King stated that fund-raising would be important in bearing the costs of the group.

If we are NOT offering membership at the Public Meeting, then this item can be deferred.

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20111212/3.5 Chair and Agenda

The Chair for the Residents' Meeting has yet to be agreed, as Paul Escott will be unable to attend on 22nd February.

Paul Escott stated, and it was clearly agreed that the meeting needed to be well structured and focussed, and that there should be a set of clear "Next Steps" at the conclusion.

Kenneth Spencer will provide a computerised projector and screen to display some of the ideas to be discussed, which will be useful for residents who are not familiar with the results of the Inaugural Meeting, and will help keep the meeting focussed.

The items for the agenda were not completely finalised but will include:

1. Why and how ATAG was started, with a statement of the agreed Aim of the group.
2. A presentation of a list of issues identified by those attending the Inaugural Meeting.
This should include sources of advice and information for attendees, such as "www.20sPlentyForUs.org.uk" and "www.brake.co.uk".
3. A call for attendees to present from the floor, any other issues considered to be missed.
(These speakers will be asked to stand and state their names.)
Such items may be agreed for addition to the list.
4. A call for an indication of persons willing to participate in supporting action on any issue presented. Details can be entered on the sheet provided.
5. A request that all attendees indicate on the sheets which will be provided, their order of importance of the issues presented.
The sheet will also have space for the addition of any item considered to have been missed at the Inaugural Meeting.
6. A request that attendees leave name, address, email and telephone details on the sheet which will be provided.
7. What happens next:
The attendees must leave with a clear set of expectations of what will happen following this meeting.
These were agreed to include:
 - contact with those who put themselves forward for participation in supporting action on any of the issues presented;
 - notice of the intention to invite officials from councils and police to a future Public Meeting to answer the prioritised issues.

Fund Raising

Mavis King has suggested that some fund-raising could be done by selling badges at the meeting. Kenneth Spencer is willing to print them using ATAGs Logo format. We will need a supply of suitable badge-bases to which to attach the labels. This can be discussed further at the February meeting of the Organising Committee.

20111212/4 Any other related matters

It was agreed to hold a further meeting in preparation for 22nd February on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 7:30pm hosted by Paul Escott at 194c, Bath Road.

Kenneth Spencer, 19th January 2012