

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 5TH 1998

PRESENT: Graham Parkes (Chair), Robin Lansley (Sec) Jack Armitage (Warden)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Eileen Bateman (Treasurer) Joe Kollar -ill.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: These were included in the A.G.M. minutes as there was not a separate meeting.

LOTTERY: Robin reported on his meeting at Chichester when the latest grants were explained. It was evident that our last application, however worthy, was doomed to failure as only 1 application in 11 was accepted in the range £250000+. In £150000-250000 18 out of 111 was accepted but £45000 or less 50% were successful. The new round looked more promising as there was a definite section for new building for the community. It was also obvious that any application over £250000 would require a sound business plan and would be considered by an expert assessor, accountant and architect. In this round they planned to take each application judged upon the criteria and make a decision as soon as possible- there was to be no closing date. It was also stated that they would try to give a reason if the application was unsuccessful. There was a strong commitment to give feedback in this round and this is being piloted this year. It was felt useful to have attended this meeting and it was obvious that Sussex has been providing good advice and support for applicants from Sussex.

COMMENTS: It helped to explain why we had been unsuccessful and there was a strong belief that the business plan was sound and we would apply as soon as possible in the new round.