

## Summary of the Board meeting held in August 2015

The following is a summary of the main points from the Board meeting held in August.

S4W are the consultants who will be supporting us to develop long-term proposals for bringing the upstairs areas of the building into use, under the Power2Change £20k grant. They gave a short presentation explaining the work that they would be doing for BCS, to work with us using their experience in sourcing other grant funding and supporting community projects. A mix of community activity blended with profitable commercial functions was discussed, as well as further consultation with shareholders when more specific options had been determined. S4W will produce a five year business plan and produce bill-of-quantities and drawings for their proposals, and will liaise with the architect Stephen McCusker to add any additional grant funds we can secure into the main works where possible / practical. We were also given an update on progress of the £100k project, which now requires a full planning application, including surveys to prove that no bat habitat would be affected by the works.

A local resident was given the opportunity to address the meeting to explain their situation with regard to parking a camper van on the car-park. We said we are trying to implement a fair policy that reflects the members' wishes, and later on in the meeting decided that revised arrangements should be put to the membership, whilst we will continue to try and enforce the existing policy.

A finance report was presented, including the draft budget for our forthcoming financial year that starts in September. We agreed to get quotes for the installation of a CCTV security system, and were given an update on the list of maintenance works and small jobs required. Policies for volunteers (to be allowed to claim travel expenses to relevant training courses), and clarifying the Safeguarding reporting arrangements were discussed and agreed. A representative would attend the Bamford Institute Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August, and the offer of neighbouring residents to help fund the removal of two trees on the Anglers property, which had been discussed with the tree-expert from the council, was accepted.