



**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the association ASMV Collège de Combrée,
Salle de la Planche, Combrée, 26 March 2016 at 10.35 am**

The meeting follows the AGM of the association in the presence of the mayor of the commune, M Roux, and his deputy for social affairs, Mme Chauvin.

The president recalls the creation of the association in 2014 and presents its new logo, as well as its objectives (consultable in the association's statutes):

- Help with the conception of a reconversion project for the Collège de Combrée
- Anticipate projects for changes or demolition which might handicap this type of project
- Animations and events to become more widely known, and development of the internet site of the association.

She invites interventions from participants.

Intervention of Jean Luard on the contents of the internet site

<http://patrimoineduhautanjouavaloriser.fr>

On our site, two files:

- Heritage sites of Haut Anjou, largely unexploited and often threatened, which seem important or urgent to bring to public attention.
- The activities of the Association pour la Sauvegarde et Mise en Valeur du Collège de Combrée (ASMV-CC).

One of our most active projects at present; Jean is particularly looking for heritage sites to bring to public attention.

**Powerpoint Presentation by the President, Mme Geneviève Charbonneau-Bloomfield,
The association and its activities**

She has participated in several meetings organised by the local authorities, the Communauté des Communes of Pouancé-Combrée, pre-electoral meetings (regional)etc, and has become a member of the Conseil de Développement and the GAL (groupe d'action locale) for Projet Leader (European funds).

The association has held: 3 meetings with the Préfet and Sous-préfet, the last of which was in February 2015; one with the Com Com of Pouancé-Combrée for the PLUi ; and one with the Regional Director, Pays de Loire, of the Caisse des dépôts et Consignations (CDC) (Dec 2015).

- A prize – 'the trophy of local life' sponsored by the Crédit Agricole was won by the association for its presentation brochure on the college.

In Prospect:

A meeting with 2IDE, the owner, and the Mayor of Combrée and the CDC Pays de Loire, and another with the ComCom Pouancé-Combrée.

A series of slides on the history of the college (20,000 pupils); its landscaped environment, its interior with the chapel; the EPIDE building (the only building in conformity with the norms, representing scarcely a third of the whole); a photo from 1992 with R Bachelot representing F Fillon for the inauguration of a BEP electronics section; works undertaken, including a renovated façade and part of the roof in the rest of the building, now unoccupied, including the main quadrangle; the courtyard of the 'medium' age group; the theatre and its fine wood vaulting.

What's new this year?

- 2IDE has sold the old caretaker's house, which had become the director's home.
- The commune envisages the acquisition of the gymnasium, the Esnault wing and half the courtyard of the 'medium' age group, and the theatre.

The President recalls that the notion of 'reasoned development' requires the involvement of all the interested parties, who work together to avoid the dismemberment of the complex and uncoordinated projects. If a multi-functional project is to emerge, it should be elaborated in a pilot committee.

Animations

- Nepalese concert on 26 July at Combrée lake.
- Talk on toponomy in the 'pays d'Ombrée' with M Gendron on 4 September.
- Coordination of the animations for the National Heritage Days on 20 September. All volunteers and without financial support: 9 associations, 900 people with numerous animations, including an exhibition of an exceptional entymological collection (from the fifties, with 250 exhibition cases which have been donated to the college and could be displayed in a dedicated exhibition space); a series of 4 theatrical productions in which spectators were transported from one space to another by the association 'Les Vieilles Soupapes Craonnaises'; a concert by Marie Cherrier provided a magnificent finale to the day.

Work programme for 2016

- Search for new volunteers
- Search for private investors: presentation of the new pamphlet translated for this purpose into four other languages.
- Outline of a multi-functional project with 5 poles:
 - training/seminars
 - restaurant/ lodgings
 - culture/leisure/ tourism
 - sport/services to the commune

In an SCIC structure?

Intervention by Olivier Charbonneau, chartered accountant.

Definition of a SCIC: Association of employees, volunteers, local authorities, private enterprises, with a special fiscal structure and the possibility of collegial voting.

Geneviève Charbonneau-Bloomfield

For the future:

- Numerous contacts, including: The Museum in Angers which is looking for a storage space for their reserves.
- Mikrokosmos: musicians, choral group which has informed us of their readiness to participate in occasional cultural events such as the 'Fabrique du chanteur' etc.

Intervention by Pauline Duchesne, Fondation du Patrimoine

She recalls the past actions of the Fondation, viz:

Fundraising to restore, and safeguard heritage buildings: money coming from inheritances, public subscription, gifts and legacies, the 363 member communes, and businesses. The Pays de Loire ranks fourth in raising funds from unclaimed inheritances. The foundation operates with around 30 volunteers and all the money collected goes to heritage work. Its work allows the creation and establishment of permanent employment. The Foundation supports the idea of restoring the college, a project that fits into its desire to help Haut Anjou to become better known in the department and region.

In the event of a fundraising campaign for the project in the college, she recalls the need to coordinate a global programme with all interested parties.

Intervention by Bernard Cornut, retired ADEME engineer

He presents an example of a successful reconversion **at St Tulle, near Manosque**: an Eco campus for professional training in renewable energy. **At Buoux in Lubéron** the transformation and renovation of the chateau to receive nature classes, training in heritage site renovation, different courses, lodging for ramblers and the offices of the League for the Protection of Birds (LPO)

- In the first case, 3300m² is to be renovated with a budget of 10m euros. Partners: the local authorities (communes, Communauté des Communes, department), the CCI, CDC, EDF, ADEME.

- In the second case, master of works: the Lubéron Park with which are associated the region, the Conseil Départemental, the DRAC, the regional environment director and the EU.

Environmental and energy renovation of living accommodation and heritage sites is a fertile source of employment creation requiring special qualifications and the creation of adequate training, particularly as the firms concerned have to have RGE certification and a training plan. A good development idea for training in the college.

Intervention of Philippe Tijou

He presents another example of a successful renovation: **the Chartreuse de Neuville**, a XIVth century abbey near Boulogne, rebuilt in the XIXth century. Monastic architecture with a cloister, 2 neogothic chapels, a hermitage and a garden. Brief history of the building, closed in 2004. In 2008: creation of the Association de la Chartreuse de Neuville the aim of which is to bring back to life the building.

The association acquired part of the building, and the hermitage was bought by a private investor for a hotel project.

The resources of the association come from subscriptions, benefactors, gifts and revenues.

The association has 7 employees part time or full time; organises guided visits, cultural

events, discussions and seminars; and the gardens have been recreated. The works on the project have not yet been completed and 10m euros of work is planned for 2016.

Debate

Keith Bloomfield

A road map is required for a project of this type to be successful, and the first step is to define a common objective by all interested parties; the second will be to settle the question of ownership and the juridical/financial structure.

1st intervention

What investments might be necessary?

Bernard Cornut: The leads identified can bring in some money but an initial 15/20 million would be required to bring the norms up to standard.

2nd intervention:

The park must not be dismembered or built upon.

Reply by the Mayor: The park is protected. He had proposed to 2I IDE (owner) to join it up with the lake area, and the park will be classed as a Natural area in the new PLUi. The PLUi will also require permission to be granted for any demolitions in the college or the historic area. 2 IDE is ready to sell.

As for the sports building, it will be acquired by the commune which needs a sports centre. The Mayor has been waiting for 4 years for a reply from 2 IDE, an offer having been made of 1 euro a m2. It was not sure that l'EPIDE (tenant) would remain for long. The ground floor of the Esnault wing on the garden side could be acquired as changing rooms for the sports centre; the commune is also ready to buy the theatre but for the moment has no concrete project in view for this space.

If the sale is delayed, as projects in future have to be shared with other communes, the sports centre might be built in another commune.

3rd intervention:

Locally, we are moving towards a 'nouvelle commune'. Such purchases should be grouped for the whole new commune?

Reply by the Mayor: It's just about enlarging administrative and financial competences. Each commune's projects will not be put in question.

4th intervention:

What today could stop a common exchange about such a project on a regular basis between the association, the owner and the commune?

Reply of the mayor:

There are already consultations, the town hall is open to that sort of thing, meetings can be envisaged.

Geneviève Charbonneau-Bloomfield

So we agree on a calendar of consultations?

Reply of the mayor: OK to share ideas, 2 IDE is open to all propositions. We have to find the right way forward.

Intervention by the former director of the college (B. Castillon du Perron).

Thanks for the prospect of a dialogue and all the association is doing.

Last Intervention

It's the moment to take the plunge and install a structure which allows projects to move forward.

The meeting ends, the President thanks the AGM, and invites everyone for a drink.