

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 8th September 2004

Present: Mr T Dodds (in the chair), Mrs M Craggs, Mrs C Clinton, Mr B Clinton, Mrs H P Drew, Mrs G Dodds, Mrs C Liddle, Mr A Mould, Mrs D Stephenson, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr T Stephenson, Mr A Stubbs, Mrs S Traynor, Mrs V Weir and Mrs M Wilson.

Apologies: Mrs E Maddison, Mrs R Richardson, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs J Sweeting, Ms C Warbis,

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by Mrs S Traynor.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

Nothing more yet on the Christmas Pantomime, nor the toilet for the disabled.

Mr Dodds reported that Bowburn had managed to form a new management committee for its Community Centre, apparently the threat of losing the Centre had prompted people to volunteer to serve on its committee.

The Treasurer, Mrs J Stephenson, had written to the Parish Council asking for a grant towards new doors for the Centre. She had enclosed two quotes: 1 for £715, including replacing the door frames from Mr G Hudson; the other for £230, for 2 fire doors, from K Wall who is of the opinion that the door frames are sound. Mrs Stephenson had hand delivered the letter to the Parish Clerk on Monday afternoon but the Parish Councillors present said it had not been mentioned at the Parish Council that evening. Mrs Drew said she would chase it up.

Mr Dodds said that Wendy Tribe had been going to attend the September meeting but had been unable to attend because the meeting had been brought forward a week.

Correspondence

Info Peek, a news sheet from DAYCO (Durham Association of Youth and Community Organisations) was received

Also from DAYCO was a letter regarding grant money inviting people to a meeting at County Hall on 22nd September at 7pm. The Secretary, Mrs Drew, and the Treasurer to attend.

A letter from Tony Cutmore wanting to book the Hall for a disco for 8-11 years old was discussed. The Committee welcomed the initiative and asked Mr Dodds to confirm the date with Mr Cutmore.

Other business

Mr Dodds read out minutes of a meeting at Cornforth House at which young people of the village had given their views of recent events in the village. They, among other things, felt intimidated by the recent strong police presence; that they were all looked on as troublemakers, despite trouble being caused by a minority; that there was nowhere they felt welcome; and that there were no facilities for over 11's. The Committee discussed the meeting and the Youth Club. Mr Dodds reminded everyone that the last attempt at the Youth Club had been unilaterally finished by the Youth Leader with no discussion or consultation. The Committee want the Youth Club back but want it run with suitable supervision, i.e. at least 2 paid, qualified supervisors, as 1 supervisor with unpaid volunteer help had not worked in the past.

Mr Dodds confirmed some of the details of the Mobile Movies. They are to be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm for 6 months starting October 14th with Superman 2. The Centre will get a £24 fee for each show and will get the money from the sale of crisps and pop. Mrs Traynor said she would see if she could find her popcorn maker. Cornforth Partnership had agreed to help stock the 'Tuck Shop' for the first show. General advertising would be undertaken by Sedgfield Borough Council, posters provided by the Partnership and both primary and secondary schools would be informed. Mr Dodds reminded the Committee the Parish Council had agreed to underwrite any losses.

Mr Dodds said that the Citizen Advice Bureau used two rooms every week and he had let them know we would have to put up their rent. The CAB proposed to install beepers for the main door so that their workers in the lounge would know if someone entered the Centre. The Committee agreed this was a good idea.

The Village Show would be held on the weekend of the 25th September. Mr Mould and Mr L Ord, of the Parish Council would set up on the Friday.

The Carol Concert will be on either the 8th or the 15th December, whichever date suited the Salvation Army best. The December Management Committee meeting would be held the same evening before the concert.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 5th December. This means the last date for the Badminton Club would be Wednesday 1st December to allow the main streamers to go up in the Hall on the 2nd.

The windows in the main hall, damaged by thrown bricks, will have to be repaired. The Committee have the glass, but it needs the protective film applying before being fitted. Mr Dodds said he would try to get some more of the film and someone to put the treated glass in the window.

There was a problem with the Gents toilets and Mr Dodds was trying to get hold of a plumber to fix it.

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm by Mrs C Liddle. Next meeting 21st October 2004 at 6.30pm