

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 19th January 2005

Present: Mr T Dodds (in the chair), Ms R Bellingham, Mr B Clinton, Mrs C Clinton, Mr T Cutmore, Mrs H P Drew, Mrs R Richardson, Mrs D Stephenson, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr T Stephenson, Mr A Stubbs, Mrs S Traynor, Mrs V Weir and Mrs M Wilson.

Apologies: Mrs M Craggs, Ms A Curry, Mr A Denholm, Mrs G Dodds, Mrs C Liddle, Mrs E Maddison, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs J Sweeting and Ms C Warbis

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by Mrs D Stephenson. Mr Dodds welcomed Ms Bellingham and Mr Cutmore to the committee.

Matters arising

The pantomime had been a success for the centre. 38 Adult tickets and 56 Child tickets were sold (7 adult tickets and 14 child tickets were donated to the Primary School for promotional reasons). Everyone had enjoyed the show and the raffle had raised £50 and, with the refreshments raising £42, over £90 had been added to the Centre Funds. There had been a shortfall of £132 on the pantomime itself as it had cost £528.75 (including £100 deposit paid by the Parish Council in September) to run and the ticket sales had brought in £396.00. The Parish Council had already given £100 towards the pantomime with the deposit and subsequently the Parish Clerk gave Mrs J Stephenson, the treasurer, a cheque for £100 of which £50 was to go to the Vicar, Mr Keith Lumsdon, who had paid out of his own pocket. Mrs J Stephenson had send Mr Lumsdon a cheque for £50. Mr Dodds asked Mrs Drew to write to the Parish Council expressing our thanks for their support and donation. There had not been a Mobile Movie the last week as scheduled as the movie wanted was not available until this week and it would be shown the day after this meeting. Members of the committee commented that there did not seem to be much publicity. Ms Bellingham and Mr Cutmore said it was in the Primary School News. The urgent meeting at Cornforth House referred to in the minutes of the last meeting was due to the resignation of the Coordinator at Cornforth House. Karen Lynn had stepped in to take on the position. The roof above the Hall had been badly damaged in the strong winds in the recent storm. 40-50 tiles had come off as well as 4-5 ridge tiles. Some tiles had come down onto the ceiling in the area of the storeroom and ladies toilet next to the Hall, some of the ceiling of the storeroom had fallen through as a result. The insurance company had agreed to fund repairs to a maximum of £2000 so Mr Dodds got three quotes for repair. The cheapest quote was £940 from Bradley Roofing Services at Kelloe who got to work immediately with repairing the little roof over the ladies toilet and storeroom and replacing damaged leading above the Hall. Scaffolding was then erected and the rest of the work completed to the great relief of everyone.

Correspondence

The only correspondence was notification of Shaping the North East Consultation Event from the North East Assembly.

Other business

Mrs J Stephenson was waiting for the insurance quote; she was expecting it to be in the region of £4000 which we would find hard to pay in a lump sum as usual. She was going to enquire about paying in instalments by direct debit.

Mr Dodds reported on the problems with the field, apparently there had been substandard work done on it with drainage problems and sharp gravel and stones on the surface. There were further problems because there was no fence at the far end of the field and youths had been riding motorbikes over the area causing damage. He pointed out that this would be the third year the Centre had lost revenue from the field but we had only been recompensed for the first year. This was not helping with our money problems. We had lost one Dog Club which had found somewhere else.

Mrs J Stephenson and Mrs Drew had attended a meeting about Awards for All and Mrs Drew reported on it. This led to a long discussion on a toilet from the disabled. Mr Dodds would investigate the cost and feasibility of creating one in the ladies toilet at the far end of the Hall.

Mr Dodds told us that George Porter, our county councillor, had had £1,200 to divide between 3 Centres and

that we would be getting £400 of it.

The committee decided to have a Spring Fayre possibly on Sunday May 1st which could then be a May Day Fayre, as the Christmas Fair had been such a success this year.

Mrs Richardson told the meeting that the Legion was going to have a Social on 31st March 7.30-10.30pm with Pie and Peas, proceeds to be shared between the Legion and the Centre.

An address for the Sir James Knott Trust at Newcastle was given. They might fund us for the toilet for the disabled. We were advised to mention that the Legion met at the centre.

Ms Bellingham and Mr Cutmore said that Karen Lynn wanted to come to the next meeting and were told she would be very welcome.

Mr Clinton closed the meeting at 7.45pm