

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 15th June 2005

Present: Mr T Dodds (in the chair), Ms R Bellingham, Mr B Clinton, Mrs C Clinton, Ms A Curry, Mr T Cutmore, Mrs H P Drew, Mrs C Liddle, Mrs J Pennick, Mr S Pennick, Ms S Raine, Mr S Robinson, Mrs T Robinson, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr A Stubbs, Mrs S Traynor and Mrs V Weir

Apologies: Mrs M Craggs, Mrs G Dodds, Ms K Lynn, Mrs E Maddison, Mrs R Richardson, Mrs A Robinson, Mr T Stephenson, Mrs J Sweeting and Ms C Warbis

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by Mrs Traynor

Matters arising

Mr Dodds reported that the field was not yet ready for football. There were still brown areas but it was looking better. The Dog Club was beginning to use it again.

The Gym feasibility study had begun. The person undertaking was doing preliminary research.

Every committee member now has a key to the new front door.

Mr Dodds reported that we had not yet received our Entertainment Licence. As the rear of the centre is so dark at night Sedgefield Borough Council (SBC) wanted lights there. We have installed a light above the fire exit by the Snooker Room and another by the Hall fire door. Mr Blenkinsop had provided guards for them, which had been fitted. The cost had been £295.35. Apparently SBC didn't think the internal doors at the front entrance were wide enough to cope with an extra 50 people so the original figures of 200 in the Hall and 50 elsewhere will have to stand. An (empty) fire extinguisher had turned up in the Centre but it wasn't ours so someone else is missing one.

Mr Dodds had contacted Colin MacKenzie who fits toilets for the disabled and works from Bogma Avenue. He came and looked at the Centre and recommended that the best place to site a toilet for the disabled would be in the corner of the old Committee Room against the wall shared with the present toilets. It would be right by the drains and plumbing and central to the building. He said he would come up with a possible price and a drawing but had not yet got back to us.

Bids are in for funding for the youth club to undertake the disability audit.

It was decided to replace the front security lights for the winter but not just yet. We had received a report for the Police about the damage done to them.

There was a discussion about the Christmas cards. The Parish Council had donated £300 towards the printing costs and Neighbourhood Watch had donated a further £100 so the printing costs will be covered. The Head of the School was arranging the competition and suggested that the same prize go to the winner of each year group i.e. £5 and a box of crayons. All entries would be collected on 1st July. Judging was to be arranged by Mrs Pennick, they would be Mr S Pennick, a teacher from Houghall College (if he would be willing) and perhaps Mrs Sweeting. The results would be announced on Wednesday 15th July and the prizes would be presented by Mr Dodds and Mr A Denholm.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Grant Information Services, about Home Energy Efficiency. It would be displayed in the Centre.

We received a newsletter from DAYCO (Durham Association of Youth and Community Organisations).

We also received a letter from SBC about Action Packed Futures to be held this Sunday (19th June) Ms Bellingham would be attending

Other business

Mrs Sweeting, the keep fit instructor was retiring and the last class would be in 2 weeks time. We have found a replacement teacher, Ms Shelia Raine, who had attended the meeting. We recommended that she become affiliated (as the Dancing Teacher is) to allow her to hire rooms at the lower rate. She intends to start a class on Monday night as well as the present class.

There was a wide ranging discussion about the questionnaire brought last meeting. A number of ideas were mentioned including a rave for the young people, snooker for the Youth Club, some variety of garden party and a complementary therapy open day. Ms Raine said she would explore the therapy open day idea.

Ms Bellingham told us about plans for a week of celebration for Cornforth Partnership in October which would involve the Centre at some stage.

Sedgefield Borough Council has booked the Lounge between 9am and 5pm for the weeks of 27th June-1st July and 18th-22nd July. This will bring in £500.

The meeting was closed at 8pm by Ms Bellingham