

## **Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 19th October 2005**

**Present:** Mr T Dodds (in the chair), Ms R Bellingham, Mr B Clinton, Mrs C Clinton, Mrs H P Drew, Mr P Ferguson, Mrs C Liddle, Ms K Lynn, Mr A Mould, Mrs J Pennick, Mr S Pennick, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs T Robinson, Mrs J Stephenson, Mr T Stephenson, and Mrs V Weir.

**Apologies:** Mrs M Craggs, Ms A Curry, Mr T Cutmore, Mrs G Dodds, Mrs E Maddison, Ms S Raine, Mr S Robinson, Mrs R Richardson, Mr A Stubbs, Mrs J Sweeting, Mrs S Traynor and Ms C Warbis.

**Also present:** Mr M Berryman and Mr J Probert who had conducted the Community Gym Feasibility Study

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by Mrs A Robinson.

### **Presentation of Gym Feasibility Study**

Mr Mike Berryman and Mr John Probert presented the Community Gym Feasibility Study to the Committee and distributed copies. They covered the main points, as it is a big document. They said the potential for a Community Gym sited in the Centre was good. Members of the Committee asked questions at the end of the presentation.

Mr Dodds asked about the snooker tables and whether there would be space for one along with the new equipment. Mr Berryman said perhaps. Mr Dodds said he thought that the snooker tables had become white elephants and that there did not seem to be much of a market for them at present. Ms Lynn told the meeting that Cornforth House staff had prepared a £10,000 bid for funding for the gym. She apologised about the lack of notice but that there had been a close deadline for this fund.

In response to a question about equipping the gym Mrs Berryman said that good quality second-hand machines were available and we could buy those. Another question was about Gym induction and Mr Berryman said that we could get a self-employed fitness trainer to do the inductions

### **Matters arising**

The Rave at the Centre had been very successful. There had been no trouble and the Centre had been left in a commendable state. The Centre had received £51 from Shane Parkin. Another rave was being organised for 11th November and it was suggested that the Community Bus might be used for transport.

Mr Dodds reported we still did not have the Premises Licence.

With regard to the County Council Development Fund, Mrs Pennick said she was waiting for John Atkinson of CAVOS to get back in touch about a second architect to give a quote. She would chase it, as we had to get a bid in before the end of the year.

Some fencing had arrived for the field and Ms Lynn said we would have to decide how best to use it. Mr Dodds reported that a strong bolt had been attached to the swing arm to stop quad bikes getting on to the field and that as far as he was aware it was working.

The murals were in progress.

The Committee has received cheques from the Parish Council (for the front door) and County Durham Foundation (for the Community Centre Health Check)

Matters were proceeding about the Community Development Worker who would give us 20 hrs per week to help run the Centre.

Badminton would now finish on 23rd November as Le Farge had booked the Hall on the 31st November. The Youth Club had moved to Thursday nights.

Mr Pennick gave the Centre £105.00 proceeds from the sale to date of the Christmas Cards.

### **Correspondence**

The Info Peek newsletter had arrived. Thornley Centre was selling a table tennis table and the details were passed to Mrs T Robinson.

### **Other business**

Mr Dodds told the Committee the Panto this year would be Sleeping Beauty. The Parish Council had agreed to

underwrite the performance again so the Committee agreed to go forward with it again. It will be held at 6pm on 28th December. The ticket prices would be the same as last year i.e. £7 for adults and £4 for children. Mr Dodds was still trying to find a plumber for leaks in the Lounge and Hall with no luck as yet. Mrs Pennick said she might be able to help.

Mr Dodds made a request for tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair.

Mr A Stubbs will not be returning to the Committee following his stroke. There was going to be a party on the 5th November for his 80th birthday and it was decided to present him with some item in appreciation for all he has done for the Centre. Mrs Liddle suggested contacting his wife for some idea of what to get.

Mr Dodds told the Committee that he was unable to keep on as Booking Secretary and Mrs Dodds could not be the Membership Secretary any longer either. Ms Lynn said the staff at Cornforth House could deal with bookings and Mrs Drew said she would take over the Membership Secretary's duties.

Mr Pennick had four items for the Committee. Firstly, he had noticed some asbestos piping and guttering had been dumped by the side of the Centre. Secondly the Partnership newsletter was being prepared and did we want a page in it. The Committee decided we would like a page in which Mrs Raine could publicise the keep fit and more prominence to the current activities of the Centre could be given. Thirdly Mr Pennick reported that the pit tubs for flowers had arrived and lastly he had reported potholes outside the Centre to the County Council. Mr Dodds reported he had already contacted the County about them and received a letter back telling us it was not the County Council's responsibility but that they would fill them in 'without prejudice'.

A Special Meeting was called for Friday 4th November at 2pm to discuss the Gym Feasibility Report.

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm by Mrs T Robinson.

Next normal meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2005 at 6.30pm.