

**Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting  
15th March 2006**

Present: Mr P Ferguson (in the chair), Ms R Bellingham, Mrs E Bowerbank, Mrs A Currie, Mrs H P Drew, Mrs L Parkin, Mrs J Pennick, Mr S Robinson, Mrs T Robinson, Mrs J Stephenson, and Miss V Weir.

Apologies: Mr T Cutmore, Ms K Lynn, Mr S Pennick, Mrs R Richardson, Mrs S Traynor.

The meeting was opened at 8:20pm by Mrs Robinson

**Minutes of last meeting**

Moved by Mr Robinson and approved.

**Matters arising**

The Pool Room had now been rewired for the Gym. It would be paid for from the Enterprise for Inclusion grant of £2000.

The painting of the Centre by the Prince's Trust had begun and would take a fortnight. On the Friday when it was finished there was to be a presentation.

The Lease was signed and sealed and Mrs Drew had a copy of it.

The mural would be hung after the painting was finished.

Mrs Drew went through the estimates for replacing the heating, wiring, creating an accessible toilet and refurbishment of the toilet block that had made the basis of the £150,000 bid for refurbishing she had sent to Lafarge. She had prioritised the heating; followed by the wiring; the accessible toilet third and the toilet refurbishing last. The Lafarge meeting would be in early April so we would have to wait to see what happens. Mrs Drew had arranged the Disability Audit with Wear Valley Disability Forum for the Thursday before Easter.

Mr Ferguson said he would sort out about the computer and see about a printer as well.

Mrs Stephenson reported she had distributed the Christmas card money to the other charities  
Mrs Currie suggested that some of the youths in the village could help clean the pit wheel. Mrs Pennick would talk to Mr R Bowerbank about it.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from CAVOS detailing some free courses, which looked useful, she gave it to Mr Ferguson to see if any would be of use.

A questionnaire was received about open spaces in the Borough but, although it had only just arrived, we had missed the completion date.

A questionnaire was received about CAVOS and its services. Mrs Drew would complete it.

A CEN newsletter was received.

**Other business**

Mr Robinson brought up a number of points. He asked about written policies on such things as child protection, health and safety etc. He pointed out that grant bodies asked about such things and would not give grants to groups without them. He suggested we might like to adopt those the Partnership uses. Mrs Drew suggested he should bring them to the Committee so we could see them.

Mr Robinson also suggested that the Officers of the Committee should meet more often than the monthly meeting, especially with things moving so fast and decisions having to be made between the main meetings. These could be ratified by the full Committee later.

One thing he thought the Officers could look at was trying to get core funding for a couple of years while the gym and the football field were getting on their feet. Mrs Drew said she understood getting revenue funding was very hard and most funding was for capital. Mr Robinson agreed but thought that some revenue funding for a short term was available if you knew where to look.

Ms Bellingham asked if Shane Parkin could come early for the next rave as he had a new system to try out so he could sound check it and also try out his new fog machine which uses dry ice. The committee agreed.

Mrs Drew asked to move the monthly meetings to either a Monday or a Tuesday and it was agreed that we would meet on the second Monday of the month in future. She also said she intended to mail minutes to members before meetings to allow them to look at them more closely before the meeting.

It was decided that the bank signatories should be any two from the Treasurer, the Chairman and the Secretary. Mrs Stephenson handed over the change of signatories forms.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th April 2006 at 6:30pm

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm by Mr Robinson