

## **Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 10th April 2006**

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

Apologies: Mrs A Currie, Ms K Lynn and Mrs J Pennick.

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm by Mrs Robinson

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Moved by Mr Cutmore and approved.

### **Matters arising**

With regards to suggestion that some of the youths could help clean the pit wheel there were health and safety issues which made it impractical. Mrs Bowerbank said that Banks had begun cleaning the tubs and the wheel. Mr Ferguson read out an update from Mr R Bowerbank about the wheel and the tubs. The project is called the Miners Memorial Project. Mr Bowerbank has applied for funding via the RAOB to allow the Centre to go to the same funders. Planning permission has been sorted out. The design would have to be finalised soon for the funding allocation meeting in May. A photograph of the Shotton Colliery Wheel Project was circulated.

### **Correspondence**

A letter about the grant application to Lafarge had arrived. At the allocation meeting on April 3rd the Committee has deferred a decision wanting more information such as quotations, details of other funding for the project and guarantees that the Centre would be around for a good while.

County Durham Foundation had written to say we were unsuccessful in a bid for £250 Mrs Drew had applied for in March.

A funding pack for Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities had arrived. We have not any educational project at present.

A Community Information Database Review Letter for the Saturday Night Dance had arrived.

The April edition of Community Action, the newssheet for CAVOS had arrived

A letter about the Action Packed Futures Festival was received. It will be held in Stanley on Sunday 18th June.

### **Post of Treasurer**

Mrs Drew told the meeting that Mrs Pennick was unable to undertake the post of treasurer this year. It was decided that Mrs Drew would take on the finances this year with support from Mrs Stephenson. The signatories for the bank account will be Mrs Drew, Mr Ferguson and Mrs Stephenson, as our Assistant Treasurer.

### **The Gym**

The equipment had arrived. We now have a treadmill, a cross-trainer, a rower, a stepper, a recumbent bike and an upright bike.

Mr Ferguson reported that the joiner would come on the next Wednesday to box in the pipes and that Ms Lynn was arranging the decoration. The addition of blinds for the windows in the gym room was discussed.

Mrs Drew had rung the Charity Commission about whether they would have a problem with us running a gym and had been told that as long as we, as Trustees, were happy that the gym was covered by our objectives that was fine. The Committee agreed that the gym was covered by our objectives.

## **The Football Pitches**

Mr Ferguson reported that the field would be measured for fencing on Friday. He also pointed out that we would need teams before we could get funding.

Mr Cutmore said that there were 7 youngsters wanting to do coaching training and perhaps the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities grant might help.

It was decided to have a public meeting on 28th April at 6:30pm about the pitches and football teams.

Mrs Drew suggested that there might be an issue as apparently some people are exercising their dogs on the fields and not cleaning up after them. It was suggested we should have a poop bin by the field but apparently we already have one.

## **Decoration of Centre**

Senior members of the Prince's Trust will come to the Centre to see the handiwork of the team who decorated the Centre, as it was their first project. Mrs Drew is to write a letter of thanks to the Prince's Trust.

## **Spring/Summer Fair**

It was decided to have a Summer Fair on Sunday July 9th. The Committee will run the tombola, Mrs Bowerbank and Mrs Parkins will run a cake stall, and stalls would be run by the Thursday Club, the Co-op Guild, the Legion and Mrs O Stubbs would be asked if she would run her usual stall. Mrs Drew said that she had approached Anne Applegarth about putting on a dancing display and she had agreed in principle. Tables would be available for hire at £10 for charities and £15 for commercial concerns.

## **Dates of Future Meetings**

As Mondays do not suit Mr Ferguson or Mr Robinson it was decided that Committee meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting on 25th April.

## **Other business**

Mr Ferguson floated the idea of starting a Friends of the Community Centre group for people who wanted to help the Centre but did not want to get involved with the Committee. The Friends could help with fund raising and help out with the various functions. He suggested that Connie Liddle might be interested; Mrs Drew said Mr and Mrs Clinton might also be interested. Mrs Parkins said her son Shane would be interested too.

Mrs Robinson told the Committee about Yellow Moon a mail order/internet company that gives commission to groups who distribute their catalogue. When ordering customers quote the number on the catalogue and the group is credited some commission. She has registered with them and ordered a few catalogues. All we need do is distribute them.

Mrs Traynor asked on behalf of a youth of the village if he and his band could give a performance in the Hall for friends. It was decided that he could as long as he paid the rent, was supervised by adults, understood the damages were to be paid for and no-one was charged to come.

A smoking bin at the entrance to the Centre and a can crusher was discussed.

Mr Pennick told the meeting about Community Matters who help communities with things like insurance. However they have a £68 subscription rate.

Mrs Perkins has finished her latest raffle in the coffee shop and the next one would be for the Centre. The members thanked her.

The meeting was closed at 7:45pm by Mrs Stephenson.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April 2006 at 6:30pm