

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 24th May 2006

Present: Mr P Ferguson (in the chair), Mrs E Bowerbank, Mrs H P Drew, Mrs L Parkin, Mrs J Pennick
Mr S Robinson, Mrs T Robinson, Mr H Robson

Apologies: Ms R Bellingham, Mrs A Currie, Mr T Cutmore, Ms K Lynn, Mr S Pennick,
and Mrs R Richardson, Mrs A J Stephenson, Mrs S Traynor and Miss V Weir.

The meeting was opened at 6:35pm by Mr Robinson

Mr Ferguson welcomed Mr Robson to the Committee as a representative of the Parish Council.

Minutes of last meeting

Moved by Mrs Robinson and approved.

Matters arising

Mrs Bowerbank reported on progress on erecting the pit wheel

Correspondence

A letter was received from Enterprise4Inclusion about a database of case studies and that they may well contact us in the near future.

Two letters were received from the Parish Council. One thanking us for housing 2 outdoor seats and the Village Christmas lights while 66 High Street is being fully incorporated into Cornforth House. One of the seats is for the football pitch and the Parish Council will install it for us when we tell them where to put it. The second letter informed us that Mrs Drew, Mrs Traynor and Mr Robson had been appointed as the Parish Council representatives to the Committee.

The Gym

The Open Day for the Gym has been set for 2nd June. There would be 3 sessions 10-12am; 1-3pm and 5-9pm. Mrs Drew and Mr Robinson could be at all sessions and Mr Ferguson could be at the evening session. Other members of the Committee could come to one of other of the sessions. Mrs Robinson said that some of the new Friends of the Community Centre would come as well.

Mrs Pennick agreed to price the flyers Mr Pennick is designing from the printers.

The Football Pitches

Mr Ferguson reported that we were waiting for one more cut after which the grounds would be marked up, first by burning followed by paint. The football meeting was reported. 23 young people had attended, which was encouraging but few adults, which was disappointing. Mr Ferguson commented that we had missed the chance of joining any leagues this coming season as all the relevant AGMs would be soon over. It was suggested that friendlies could be arranged.

Summer Fair

Mrs Robinson said she would see if the Police and/or the Fire Brigade would make an appearance.

Other business

Mrs Robinson informed the Committee that the first Friends of the Community Centre meeting had taken place on Sunday 20th May, attended by 7 people. They had set a target of raising £1,000 by Christmas. Mrs Parkins gave £121.50, the proceeds from the Coffee Shop raffle, as the first step towards the target. Mr Ferguson

thanked Mrs Parkins on behalf of the Committee.

Mrs Pennick reported that someone was playing golf on the football field with proper golf balls, which was causing damage to the allotments. Mr Ferguson will investigate. She also mentioned that the Partnership newspaper was coming out soon and that copy should be sent to Mr Pennick.

Mrs Pennick relayed a request from allotment holders for some sort of streamers to be on top of the ball catch fencing next the allotments, to stop pigeons flying into it.

The Committee agreed to display a poster for the Gardening Competition to be held in the Village.

The embankment next to the Centre was discussed.

Mrs Drew reported on the Grants. She was applying to Sedgefield Borough Council Local Improvement Plan (LIP) for money towards the changing rooms and matched funding for the Lafarge grant.

The changing room plans were discussed and the idea of using ground source heat pumps as an energy source for heating when the heating is replaced was raised. Mr Robinson will investigate.

Mrs Robinson reported that she had put in a nomination for a best village competition with help from Mrs Bowerbank and Mrs Parkins.

The meeting was closed at 7:30pm by Mrs Pennick

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th June 2006 at 6:30pm