

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 26th September 2006

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

Apologies: Mrs A Currie, Mr T Cutmore, Mr I Fitzgerald, Mrs T Fitzgerald, Mrs C Liddle, Ms K Lynn and Mrs S Traynor.

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

Minutes of last meeting

Moved by Mrs Richardson and approved.

Matters arising

The British Legion Women's Section evening on 28th September with Murton Colliery Band was sold out. Mrs Richardson asked for help to set out the Hall. Miss Weir said she and Mrs Liddle would be available from 2pm.

Correspondence

Mrs Drew read out a letter from Mr and Mrs Pennick resigning from the committee.

The final plans for the changing block had arrived from the Architect and were ready for the planning permission application.

Sedgefield Borough had sent a draft copy of its statement of principles re the Gambling Act 2005. We have received notification that our electricity bill would go up from £68 to £89. This was based on estimated readings and Mr Ferguson would take a reading.

The Sedgefield CAB Annual Report and the Community Action newsletter for August were received.

Mrs Bellingham reported she had received a letter from Calor stating that the village had gone forward to the National level for "Best Village".

Future Meeting Dates

Following the request from the last meeting by the Partnership members of the Committee to change the meeting night from Tuesday the meeting night was discussed. Mrs Drew had sent out a form with the minutes of available evenings and the returns were discussed. It was agreed to try meeting on the **third Monday of the month** for 6 months as Mondays seemed to be the night most available, unfortunately Mr Robinson, the Vice Chair, is unable to attend Mondays so when Mr Ferguson's shift pattern prevents him attending a meeting it would be shifted to the Tuesday. Mrs Drew would make sure the change of day would be highlighted when she sent out the minutes.

The Gym

Inductions to the Gym were still a problem and there is a backlog of 30 people wanting to join. Our instructor had been unable to do any inductions for a month or two but it was hoped he would be available again soon.

Wednesday evening sessions had not taken off very well with often only one or two members using the Gym. It was suggested that it would be a good night to do inductions and that the session could move to Monday instead of Wednesday.

Mr Robinson proposed that we could allow more informal sessions when at least two full members of the Gym, who had had their induction, could get the Gym key from Cornforth House, much as the current arrangements

for the Snooker Room. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Bowerbank and passed. Cornforth House would be given a list of the full members of the Gym.

The Football Pitches

Mr Ferguson reported that there was progress on the pitches. The field had been marked up and the posts were going up. He said the senior pitch was ready for use.

Mrs Drew reported that she could not see the work on the new changing block starting before winter 2007 as the time taken by the Big Lottery and the Football Foundation to approve bids would take us until summer or autumn next year. However she believed the work on the heating and wiring might be done sooner, depending on the answer from LaFarge who were meeting that week.

Fees for 2007

There was a long discussion about what levels to set fees and rents for 2007 taking into account the finances of the Centre. No decision was made and members of the Committee were asked to go to their organisations to help find acceptable levels for the various rates. It was pointed out that we probably had the cheapest rates locally.

Other business

The award from winning the Best Village was discussed, it was asked when would the money be available. The question would be raised at the next Partnership meeting.

Mrs Drew floated the idea of moving the kitchen to the bar area freeing the kitchen area for a weights room for the Gym, there was agreement in principle.

The date for the Christmas Fair was set as Sunday 3rd December and the Carol Service was pencilled in as Wednesday 6th or 13th December, depending on the Salvation Army.

As Christmas and New Year fall on a Monday this year it was decided that the Christmas Dance would be on Saturday 23rd December and the New Year Dance in Saturday 30th , both nights 8pm-11pm.

Mrs Robinson reported that the Friends had planned a Haunted House evening on the 30th October for the school children and that a Kool Kash bid had been applied for.

Plans were well ahead for the 60's 70's 80's disco on the 13th October. It will be from 7pm-11pm and tickets would be £2.

Ms Bellingham reported that £18 had been raised from the Yellow Moon catalogue and that a new one was available.

Mr Ferguson commented that next year will be the 40th anniversary of Association and suggested that we should do something to commemorate it.

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm by Mrs Bellingham.

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th October 2006 at 6:30pm