

Cornforth Community Centre Management Committee Meeting 23rd October 2006

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

Apologies: Mrs A Currie, Mr I Fitzgerald, Mrs T Fitzgerald, Ms K Lynn, Mr S Robinson, Mr H Robson and Mrs A J Stephenson.

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

Minutes of last meeting

Moved by Mrs Richardson and approved.

Matters arising

Mrs Drew presented a list of meeting dates alternating the fourth Monday and Tuesday of the month as a compromise to allow both Cornforth House Staff and Mr Robinson the Vice Chair to attend alternate meetings. If the meeting was to be on a Monday and Mr Ferguson was unable to chair the meeting it would be moved to Tuesday. All agreed.

Meeting dates Nov-06 to Apr-07:- Tuesday 28th Nov, Monday 18th Dec, Tuesday 23rd Jan, Monday 26th Feb, Tuesday 27th Mar (AGM) and Monday 23rd Apr.

It was pointed out that it was Mrs Robinson who had received the letter about the "Best Village" and that she was going to London to represent the Village

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from CAVOS about training courses.

A letter was received from the Legion for their 2007 meetings and also saying how well their fundraiser with Murton Colliery Band had gone and thanked the members of the committee who had helped on the day

The Gym

Inductions to the Gym had restarted, 14 members had had their induction and as a result Gym income had gone up. Volunteer vouchers had been designed so that volunteers could claim their free sessions without difficulties.

Fees for 2007

The fees for 2007 were set at:

Membership fees	Adults £2.00	Concessions £1.25	Affiliation £15
Hall	Non members £15/hr;	Affiliated Bodies £8/hr;	Members £7/hr
Lounge	Non members £10/hr;	Affiliated Bodies £6/hr;	Members £5/hr
Bar and Committee Room	Non members £7/hr;	Affiliated Bodies £5/hr;	Members £4/hr
Field	Non members £15/hr;	Affiliated Bodies £10/hr;	Members £10/hr
Sections	£7 per session		
Kitchen	£15 flat fee but no charge for members		
Crockery	No charge but £20 deposit		
Snooker	£2.50 per table per hour		

The 2007 fees were proposed by Mrs Bellingham and seconded by Mr Cutmore. All agreed.

Accounts

Mrs Drew presented the accounts for September and answered questions

Other business

Mr Ferguson said we had been donated a ball pool and soft play equipment by the Butterflies Nursery at the School which would be great for birthday parties. There was a discussion about where the ball pool should go but there was no conclusion as it was not clear as yet how big it was, how heavy it was or how easy it was to assemble.

Youth membership of the Committee was discussed. Unfortunately, because of Charity Law no one under 18 can serve on the Committee but they could observe and take part in discussion, just not vote. Occasionally the Committee might need to discuss confidential matters, if so the matters would be kept until the end of the meeting and non-Committee members would have to leave.

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. (The date will be the 13th.)

Tracy Robinson reported that the plans for the Halloween night were proceeding. A donation from Kool Kash had been secured and there had been given a donation from Premier Parties. A coffin had come from Tudhoe Grange School and two skeletons were coming from Health Pack. She thanked Helen Winskill, the new worker at the Partnership for No 66, for her help and also the Friends.

There would be a Winter Wonderland Grotto in the Committee Room for December.

Mr Ferguson confirmed that the tickets for the Christmas and New Year dances will be £2

The £1000 for the Best Village was discussed. £500 would be kept as matched funding for the County Durham Foundation bid for the picnic area and £500 would be spent on equipment for the Centre.

Mr Ferguson reported on the picnic area project. He had had a meeting with Christina Rickley from the County Durham Foundation who had agreed that it is a good project. He then passed around a plan showing the proposed layout and the position of the security fence around it.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th November 2006 at 6:30pm