

Minutes of Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022

Present: Councillors Buck, Richards, P Corrigan and M Corrigan

1. Apologies: S Jones (Accepted)
2. No Pecuniary interests declared.
3. The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th January were accepted as a true record.
4. Rent Reviews:

Village Hall Loft storage. The Contract signed 5 years ago suggested a two yearly review which has never occurred. It was recommended that a meeting with the Village Hall Chairman and the BPC Clerk take place to review /update /sign a new contract which would include an annual review of the rent. It was recommended that the rent for this year should be set at £150.

Action: Clerk to contact Village Hall Chair to arrange a meeting.

Red Lion rent: The rent for the piece of land next to the Red Lion pub is small; it is an area large enough to park 5 cars. It was suggested it could be used to relieve public parking around the War Memorial by renting to residents in the area. It was proposed that an up-to-date valuation of the land/rental be obtained, and an appraisal of the agreement be considered to establish a market rental.

Action: To get a local agent to value.

Pavilion rents: Because of increased energy costs it was agreed to recommend to Council that all rents be increased by 20%; excepting the charge for events with over 200 attendees will remain at the discretion of Council. All current bookings would to be honoured.

Action: Resolution from Council to this effect and Clerk to act to change.

5. Energy Costs: The energy cost to keep the SCC open has increased considerably to a point that is becoming unsustainable. It was suggested that the increased utility cost could not be reconciled with the minimal use of the facility in its present condition. It was agreed to recommend that there be a Winter closure of the SCC from October 1st until April 1st if the SCC has not been rebuilt this year.
6. Storage in and around the Pavilion: Only one quotation for building a cupboard in the "Away" changing room had been received and was considered expensive (over £3000). It was decided to explore other storage options which include a Container at the rear or safe loft access with extended boarding in the loft. **Action:** It was agreed to approach a local builder to seek informal advice re feasibility.
7. Playground: The Children's playground has a life expectancy of 15 years and was built 7 years ago. Replacement costs have escalated. It was recommended that money be set aside from the budget to replace when needed.
8. Donations and Charges: Confirmed the Hire charge for the Run be the same as last year. Council to be advised.

9. Picnic benches: Recommend to Council that the number of picnic benches around the field be increased to include accessible benches. The number and siting of the benches to be decided. All benches to be low maintenance.
10. Marquee: Terms and Conditions of use of the marquee by other village groups will be posted on the website in due course.
11. It was proposed to recommend to Council that Melvyn Benn be invited to open the Afternoon Tea Jubilee celebrations.
12. It was recommended that the Chair of A&A committee write to the Ward Councillors to ask for possible funding.
13. Defibrillators: After recommendation from the Ambulance service, it is proposed that BPC purchase another defibrillator and box to be sited on the Pavilion exterior and linked to the Ambulance service.
14. The continuing problem of stanchions not being replaced to the overflow car park remains. The grass is damaged. Recommend that the locks be temporarily changed to prevent stanchion removal and the grass be reseeded to allow recovery. **Action:** The clerk to write to the Football Clubs and 5 Star Sports to let them know of the changes. Mud on the Pavilion walls and patio area is also a problem with boots being cleaned on the walls. **Action:** to change the contracts on renewal to include fortnightly power washing. Cost to be equally shared amongst the teams.
15. Collingham Football club have agreed to clear the rear compound of rubbish.
16. Asset Disposal. It was agreed to offer the wine coolers to a charity for sale by them and to dispose of all unnecessary/broken assets.
17. CCTV This is now up and running.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.