

Llangors Youth and Community Centre

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 22nd 2018

CHAIR'S REPORT:

I have looked back at previous annual reports that I have written and they have all started with how busy the past year has been and this year has been no exception. The community centre does not run on its own and so it is important to thank all those who make our community centre the success that it is. Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee who work so hard behind the scenes, doing all the work that often goes unnoticed but is nevertheless very important. I won't single anyone out because we all do what we can in so many different ways. However, there is one exception and that is to thank Mike for managing the finances so efficiently, no easy task these days, and for arranging all the health and safety aspects that are so important and this year for keeping the County Council in check in respect of the school building works. We also have support from others and I would like to pay particular thanks to Alison and Derek Willmott who manage the bookings and payments so efficiently and who are always on hand when the centre is being used.

The weekly bookings in the community centre have remained good and indeed have increased again this year with a beaver group meeting here now on Weds evenings.

We held a number of fundraising events for the Community Centre during the past year including the annual village fete which was extremely successful despite not having access to the playing field and the poor weather. A similar event is being planned again for this year. There were several other events which will be highlighted in the financial report. We are extremely grateful to the community for supporting our events so well, and indeed for supporting the Community Centre as a whole.

We decided not to hold any further monthly Markets last summer as it was becoming increasingly difficult to get stall holders to attend and sadly our Christmas market was cancelled due to snow!!

One wedding reception was cancelled due directly to the building work at the school.

However, we were delighted to be able to instigate and support a village children's Christmas party with the help of Emily Durrant. It is hoped that this will be an annual event.

We have had to undertake quite a lot of maintenance work during this past year, our Community Centre like the rest of us is getting older!! and this work will be highlighted in the finance report. We have also had a number of notices from Powys Environmental Health regarding Food Safety Standards and have had to make some changes in the kitchen to ensure that we are preparing and storing food safely.

Thinking of maintenance work, we are very grateful to Willmott Dixon for replacing the flooring in the committee room with non-slip vinyl flooring as part of their community legacy. They will also be tarring an access route into the playing field shortly.

I think it is fair to say that the bulk of our work this past year has been in relation to the new school building at the back of us.

I am pleased to say that the building work is now complete and Llangors Church in Wales Primary School has been officially opened and that we should all be very proud of these new facilities; our children are very lucky to have such up to date facilities.

The first issue we had to deal with was with the car parks. The school wanted to draw up a licence agreement in respect of sharing each other's car parks. We have always allowed parents to park in our car park at the beginning and end of the school day, which has helped to relieve congestion at the junction which was deemed to be highly dangerous. Having use of the new school car park will be a big advantage for us, and indeed the whole community, when large functions take place. After quite some time Powys County Council agreed with us that it was not necessary to have a written license agreement but to freely share each other's car parks at set times. It is hoped that this arrangement will prevail in the future.

CAT – Again, after much negotiating, we have secured a 25 year lease on a portion of ground where the old school was sited. The exact size of this plot has not yet been agreed. We recently had a meeting with PCC and stated what we wanted but they had to go back to the school governors for their approval. It was difficult to visualize the size of the area as there were a couple of large earth mounds still on the site. I have not heard anything more from PCC despite emailing them at last week.

The Community Centre serves an extremely important function in this village, a social hub for a variety of activities. It is satisfying to know that it is used by all age groups in our community.

Future - Our priorities for the future are therefore to continue to provide a variety of activities for all age groups and to maintain the centre in as good a state of repair as we can so that it remains an attractive venue for people to use. This will be mean continuing to repair and upgrade the facilities. To this end we will be looking for grants to help with maintenance work as well as looking to other fundraising activities which are essential for this centre to continue and thrive.

Policies – write a Safeguarding Policy and a Health and Safety Policy

Website needs to be updated – if anyone would like to help us with this we would be very grateful – please let me know.

Kiosk needs to be painted. We purchased the kiosk from BT last year and intend to use it for tourist information

Fundraising – Annual Village Fete – Saturday July 21st , Sri Lankan curry evening later in the year. If anyone has any other ideas we would be delighted to hear them

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Chair