

Llangors Youth and Community Centre

Committee Meeting held on 3rd September 2019

Item		Action
1	Present: Melrose East (ME); Robert East (RE); Mike Featherstone (MF); Lawrence Duffy (LD); Ailsa Dunn (AD); Jill Willison (JW); Mary Anderson (MA).	
2	Apologies: Anne Evans (AE); Wally James (WJ); Colin Preece (CP); Lynn Clausen (LC).	
3	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record - proposed LD, seconded JW.	
4	Matters arising: ME stated that there had been no follow up to the initial inquiry by a member of the public seeking to use the kitchen.	
5	Finance MF informed the meeting that the finances were healthy with, as of 2 September, £13,964 in the Community Centre account and £7, 072 in the Play Park account.	
6	Village Fete and Sports This had been a very successful event, with £1,513 raised. The meeting briefly reviewed the day, with the following observations made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £330 had been raised by the raffle, with tickets being sold at the point of entry to the Hall. As such, it was agreed that free entry probably acted as an encouragement for people buying raffle tickets, It was felt that this would be less likely if an entry fee was charged. • The raffle draw was overlong and alternative methods would need to be considered • The availability of the school field had made a big difference to the running of the event, particularly having the children’s sports and associated events take place on the field • Scarecrow Competition – this had been a success, with 30 scarecrows throughout the village. It was agreed to continue with this next year. • ME proposed having a Dog Show as part of the Village Fete next year and it was agreed to progress this matter • MF thanked LD for undertaking the financial duties associated with the fete 	ME
7	Website Update In his absence, ME thanked WJ for obtaining a postcode for the Village Hall – LD3 7TR – at a cost of £150. WJ had also made inquiries about internet access, with BT appearing to provide the best value.	

8	<p>Fundraising Activities <i>Sri Lankan Curry Night:</i> The date of this event has changed to 5 October, due to a clash with an event in the Church on the original date of 14 September. Associated issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help would be needed on Friday as well as Saturday morning in respect of food preparation, etc. • Posters and tickets would need to be printed – AD agreed to address this • LD and AD, trustees of the Sri Lankan Charity, announced that it was in the throes of being wound up, as alternative sources of funding are now available for the schools which had been financially supported. • The last point meant that the Curry Night’s purpose will now need to change and it was agreed that it should be used as a fundraising event for the proposed Play Park. However, it was recognised that it was important to ensure that this change is extensively publicised, so that all who purchased tickets would be aware of this. <p><i>Pizza, Ping Pong, Pink Gin, Prosecco & Pints (5 Ps):</i> In order to identify a date for this event, LD agreed to contact Alex Benfield to check his availability</p> <p><i>Christmas Market:</i> It was agreed that this will run again this year. ME agreed to liaise with the school on the appropriate day, in order to avoid clashing with its Christmas activities</p> <p><i>Other Events:</i> Other fund raising events for the Play Park include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A walk from Llangors to Tymawr, Llangasty, via the Bird Hide last Saturday, with 20 walkers (adults and children) in attendance • Llangors Play Park is one of the community projects for fundraising at Waitrose, Abergavenny for the month of September • There will again be a Carol Singing event around the village before Christmas 	<p>ME</p> <p>AD</p> <p>ME</p> <p>LD</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ME</p>
9	<p>20th Anniversary Celebrations: It was agreed that an event should be held to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Community Centre/Village Hall. It was agreed that this should take place over the weekend on Saturday 25th April 2020. As Talgarth Choir had been at the original event, it would be particularly appropriate that they were invited to this event. ME and LD would address this.</p>	<p>ME/LD</p>
10	<p>Correspondence ME stated that she had received a letter from Rowan Kennedy-Brown seeking to book another slot for her children’s classes and it was agreed to charge her the ‘community rate’ for this.</p>	<p>ME AW</p>
11	<p>Play Park Update The children’s play equipment at the Community Centre had been condemned and removed in July. ME stated that she had since contacted</p>	

	<p>David Pritchard (Estates Officer PCC), prior to the beginning of the school summer holiday period. This was to explore the possibility of making the proposed new play area available to be used by children during that period, as no other communal playing area was available in the village. He stated that the lease was still not ready but proposed a temporary 'licence', which could swiftly be drawn up by the Council's Legal Services Department to allow such use. He also agreed that PCC would cut the grass, thereby allowing for its use for recreational purposes during the holiday period. None of these required actions by PCC took place.</p> <p>ME expressed exasperation that, due to inertia within PCC, things are no further forward in setting up the Play Area than 12 months ago. The lack of a lease, in particular, is a problem, as it means that no applications for funding can be made until a lease has been granted.</p> <p>It was agreed that ME should write to Caroline Turner, Chief Executive PCC to express the committee's dissatisfaction with this state of affairs.</p>	ME
8	<p>Community Shop: It was noted that the proposed shop at the Red Lion would not now take place. Consequently, plans for a Community Shop are to be revived.</p>	
	<p>Discover Llangors and Bwlch Group (DL&B) There was no report from DL&B.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business: ME raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangorse Beavers have disbanded due to dwindling numbers • Martin Bevan has made inquiries about running a Tai Chi class on Wednesday evenings • It is hoped that shortly a men's hairdresser will attend the Coffee Morning on Mondays on a monthly basis. 	ME ME
11	<p>Date of next meeting Next meeting – Tuesday, 29 October at 7.30pm</p>	