

Llangors Youth and Community Centre

Committee Meeting held on 29th October 2019

Item		Action
1	<p>Present: Melrose East (ME); Robert East (RE); Mike Featherstone; Anne Evans (AE); Lawrence Duffy (LD); Ailsa Dunn (AD); Colin Preece (CP); Wally James (WJ)</p> <p>Speaker: Mark Kerr (MK)</p>	
2	<p>Apologies: Pat Hope (PH) Lynn Clausen (LC). (MF); Jill Willison (JW); Mary Anderson (MA).</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record - proposed AD, seconded LD.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>ME stated that the Curry Evening raised £3,275 for the Playpark plus £200 paid to the Community Centre for the hire of the Hall. The committee expressed their thanks to Kumari and her team of volunteers who spent over 2 days preparing and cooking the food.</p> <p>The Sponsored Walk in early September raised £450 whilst £250 was obtained from being one of Waitrose, Abergavenny's community projects. ME said that she awaited the outcome of the money to be received from being a community project of the Co-op Talgarth.</p> <p>ME stated that the Tai Chi session was now established as a weekly event (Wednesday 6.00-7.00) with a regular group of 20-25 participants.</p>	
5	<p>Mark Kerr addressed the group first in order that he could leave afterwards.</p> <p>Community Shop: Mark Kerr (MK), chair of the Community Shop Steering Committee, attended the meeting. He stated that two Portakabins had been obtained, which would act as the shop premises and, as previously agreed, would be located adjacent to the Village Hall. He further stated that a Business Plan was being drawn up and that the legal structure of the shop business would also be shortly determined, both of these being necessary requirements in order to apply for grant funding. This anticipated major source of funding of the shop would be supplemented by raising finance from within the community, for example by a share issue.</p> <p>MK also raised two financial issues specifically in relation to the Community Centre. First, the amount of any rent paid by the shop to the Community Centre needed to be determined. The Committee recognised that current projections indicated that, in its initial few years, the shop was likely to run at a loss. As such, the committee recognised that a small 'pepper corn' rental amount would be appropriate, in order to allow the shop to become financially established. However, MK indicated that in subsequent years, when the shop was likely to be profitable, the Community Centre would be the main recipient of surplus monies from the shop in order to benefit the community.</p>	

6	<p>Finance MF informed the meeting that the finances were, as of 26 October £24,412 of which £13,375 was in the Community Centre account and £11,037 in the Play Park account. MF also stated that he and LD were dealing with a request for further information from the Charity Commissioners.</p>	LD/MF
7	<p>Website Update Having obtained a postcode for the Community Centre (LD3 7TR), WJ had contained various Broadband suppliers. He stated that these inquiries confirmed his earlier opinion that BT offered the best value for money and the committee supported setting this up at an approximate cost of £30 pcm. WJ to proceed accordingly.</p>	WJ
8	<p>Fundraising Activities <i>Pizza, Ping Pong, Prosecco:</i> LD confirmed that he had met Alex Benfield and the event is arranged for Saturday, 23 November. There will be three table tennis tables available with 6.00-7.30 being set aside for children and 7.30-9.00 for adults.</p> <p><i>Christmas Market:</i> It was agreed that this will take place on Monday, 9 December 3.00 to 5.30 and ME reported that there had been a heavy demand for stalls. ME will distribute posters.</p> <p>Carol Singing around the village will take place on Sunday, 22 December commencing event @ 3.30pm</p>	LD/ ME/RE ME ME
9	<p>20th Anniversary Celebrations: LD agreed to contact Talgarth Male Voice Choir to establish if they were available Saturday 25th April 2020 in order to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Community Centre/Village Hall. It was agreed that the event would include a Tea Party while all committee members were asked to seek out memorabilia, photos etc. of the building and opening of the Hall and associated matters.</p>	LD
10	<p>Play Park Update: ME reported that there continued to be little development in respect of obtaining a lease for the CAT Play Park area despite Phil Sherrard (Powys County Council Legal Services) apologising for the delay at a recent meeting with Llangors community councillors at County Hall.</p>	ME
11	<p>Maintenance The floor cleaner has been repaired. The filter was blocked. AE will ask the cleaner to ensure that it is cleaned regularly. ME highlighted that, particularly in respect of the forthcoming 20th Anniversary activities in 2020, there is a need for some interior decorating, etc. The general view was that much of this could be undertaken voluntarily but it was recognised that some professional decorators may be needed to complete matters. AD stated that she would ask a painter, that she is currently using, for a quote. As well as this, ME stated that it would be advisable to purchase a table stacker, which allows for tables to be stored and moved around more effectively. MF stated that he had been in contact with Martin Preece, of Talgarth, to repair the external guttering.</p>	AE ME AD

12	<p>Grapevine: ME stated that she has written a number of items for the Grapevine community newsletter highlighting the Christmas Market, Play Park update and Carol Singing.</p>	ME
13	<p>Any Other Business: There is a problem again with one of the hirers of the Community Centre not paying for use of the centre. Alison Willmott had brought this to the chair's attention stating that she had sent her numbers reminders but no payments and been made. ME to speak to the individual.</p> <p>It was noted that, currently, there is only one bus a week through Llangorse, from Builth to Abergavenny, while there is no bus service at all to Brecon. It was agreed that Emily Durrant (County Councillor) would be contacted in order to seek redress of this matter.</p>	ME CP
14	<p>Date of next meeting Next meeting – Tuesday, 11 February at 7.30pm</p>	