

Tarvin Community Centre Committee of Management

Minutes of Special meeting held at Tarvin Community Centre at 7:30 pm on Thursday 19th March 2020 to discuss the effects of Corona Virus Pandemic

Present: , Ted Lush (Chair) Jane Lush (Treasurer) Sue Hardacre (Vice Chair), Jane Armstrong (Secretary), Lyn Brunton, Pete Brunton, Brian Hardacre, Roy Brereton, Liz Brereton, Helen Flynn (TPC), Fiona Lewis.

1. Apologies - Sharon Nolan, Jane Hough. Merryn Shaw.

2. Booking Secretary - Sue Hardacre

35 separate events have been cancelled in the last week, in effect, we are closed to the public. The exceptions are - Karen Hemmings who wishes to see clients in the small room on an individual basis, her organisation is Healing Minds. Tai Chi will continue.

SH would like to offer the Community Centre for any future event that is reasonable / of use to the community and at modest rates while the emergency continues. It will be thoroughly cleaned.

The library is at present continuing although short of staff.

At present there is no directive from the government to close the Centre.

SH wishes to keep the goodwill of all our users and to maintain contact.

FL spoke about the Churches organising a scheme to support anyone who needs it in the community and hoped the Centre could be used if required.

TL said that the Parish Council would continue to meet regularly and it was agreed that the Centre could be used for this and any other eventuality.

Lyn B will continue to update the CC website on any news or developments and BH will do likewise on Tarvin on Line website.

3 Arts - Fiona Lewis

CRTA have cancelled everything until the end of May at present - really the whole season.

George Egg tickets sold at the Post Office will have their cost refunded.(8)

The VE celebration to be held on Friday 5th May has been cancelled. We have paid a deposit, £150, to the entertainment - The Belles - and we should pay another £150 within 3 months.

Fiona will contact them and see if they are prepared to defer the date as we hope to celebrate eventually, hopefully then we need not lose the deposit.

SH and FL reported that the Ugg and Ogg show was a huge success and JL added that the school had not yet paid the cost of their seats.

4 Financial Report - Jane Lush

JL is in the process of sending invoices to the users who have cancelled, up to the date of last usage.

Income over the year to April has been approx £34K - well up on last year.

Ashton Hayes Theatre group have not yet been invoiced and they will be in difficulty to pay with no ticket sales but there are rehearsal charges - around £650.

It was agreed that there would be no charge for Dress rehearsal or performances - a choice will be offered - pay now with a discount or defer until the next production.

The Foyer carpet final bill has been paid.
Profits for recent film night was £302 and George Heath Quiz Bar £330
Ugg and Ogg should show a profit too.
Reels on Wheels have been paid £400 for next film and there is a chance of this being refunded - with closure of venues this company will face difficulties.
Total Funds available are around £73K.

Ted stated that the Centre is very strong financially. He has written to CWaC proposing that our charges should be reduced by 50% as it is not in use and we are in effect subsidising the other half in running costs.

As there is still no control panel for the new Gas boiler system it is running 24 hours - but is still cheaper than equivalent timed usage of oil.

He has proposed that we should not be charged for the fuel cost before the controls are up and running - to Paula at Property Services. No reply yet. TL suggested to her that we pay £12.5K instead of £25K.

TI suggested that this is the time to get the proposed improvements done to the lighting and stage while the centre is unused and a discount may be possible and which also provides work to financially stretched business'

RB raised the importance of improving the access from the stage to the now disused storage area at the back of the building and will investigate possibilities.

There was an indepth discussion on what was needed to improve the lighting / stage area - to repair and replace existing hangings, to modernise, make it more versatile in its usage and to liaise with Ashton Hayes Theatre Group. SH and FL will work on this.

It was agreed to go ahead with improvements, spending the money we have raised and also to improve the Community Centre website that will be overseen by LB.

5 Buildings / Security / Caretaker

The security code has been changed. It is an ongoing worry that teenagers may once again be on the roof of the building and potentially cause damage especially if not in school.

If CWaC close their side of the building it will be difficult for the centre to pay the wages of the caretaker without their contribution.

Once it is known what will happen in the near future and whether the centre gets a reduction in costs from CWaC - we will know more. His hours may have to be reduced or even terminated. This is not what we want, SH and RB will keep Him informed and discuss flexibility in hours when it becomes necessary.

AOB There will be no April meeting

JA will investigate the necessity of having an AGM according to our constitution by contacting the Charities Commission.

