

Minutes of management committee meeting held on Thursday 13th December 2007 at 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall (CVH).

Present:- Christopher Burrows (CDB), Bill Patten, Richard Windsor (RW), Margaret Patten, Paul Petrides, Paul Cole, Rose Cole, Rosemary Littlewood, Vikki Worthington, Douglas Owen, Mary Tebbutt, Lionel Pettit, Amy Freeman, David Tebbutt (DT), Isabelle Bromham.

Apologies:- Mary Stonehouse, Mike Harrison (Parish Councillor), John Symonds (Parish Councillor), Paul Watkins, Kim Watkins

Matters Arising:-

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct.

Fundraising:-

The Christmas Fayre (Sat 24th Nov) raised £260 and was a good village occasion.

Christmas carol concert tickets have been slow. David, Douglas, Rosemary and Chris will attend the farmers market to try and sell some more.

Mr and Mrs Norman Humphries garage sale raised £110 ~ many thanks to everyone involved.

It was agreed for David Tebbutt to continue to write a short monthly update to be published in the local Crydda magazine and where possible the North Devon Journal.

Treasurer Report:-

Current account:~ £ 2,329 and Reserve account:~ £ 34,885 Total:~ £37,214

Bookings:-

Richard reported that as usual the Christmas period is very quiet for bookings.

“Croyde Players” being the hall’s best customer.

The farmers market has requested Sunday mornings rather than Saturday morning.

Christmas carol concert ~ Saturday 15th Dec 2007

SK8 night and Youth Club:-

The Youth Club has been given a grant of £25,000 for a multi purpose youth club room / storage room / music rehearsal room. Like most grant money it must be clearly spent on a specific item / room etc and cannot be swallowed up as part of a bigger project.

We had another Hip Hop rap music lyric writing and DJ / MC scratch mix workshop which always goes down very very well with the young people, they have all asked for another one!

We had a Hip Hop street dance workshop which all the attending kids had a great time.

Every Friday evening is still the very popular SK8 night and Youth Club.

New fencing for rear area has been delayed due to the new skateboard ramps & the extension project.

We have our new children’s skateboard ramps, the rear area will be reorganised to accommodate them.

Our end of year Christmas party will be held on Friday 21st December.

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Extension Project:-

Very very exciting progress.

Thank you to David Tebbutt for all his hard work over the previous year(s) applying for and filling in an enormous amount of forms. All his hard work is beginning to pay off.

£15,000 has been received from NDDC (must be spent by March 31st 2008).

CCD has written a letter of intent but no actual firm decision yet.

Devon Renaissance has donated £8,500 to the extension project.

Georgeham Parish Council, £1,000.

Croyde Area Residents Association (CARA), £250.

Jenny Jenkins decision due soon, we have requested for this money to be spent on the disabled ramp.

Youth Capital Fund has donated £25,000 (ring fenced for "Youth Club" purposes only).

North Devon District Council full planning approval has been achieved.

Paul Cole put out to tender for the construction of the new side extension, three quotes received.

Quote 1: Kingston Construction, £115,534 (+ VAT)

Quote 2: Loosemore, £159,899 (+ VAT)

Quote 3: Anderson and Evans, £101,442 (+ VAT)

Overall, Anderson and Evans were considered to be the best option, but as their quote was for more money than we have, the estimate has been revised to strip-out final fixings etc. Their revised quote is for £69,251 (+ VAT) a vote took place, 15 FOR and zero AGAINST for Anderson and Evans to build the shell of our new side extension. Paul Cole will arrange for contracts etc to be signed.

Local trades men and women will be asked to tender for the final fixings etc

Paul Petrides reported the pluses and minuses for registering for VAT. After a discussion a vote took place, 15 FOR and zero AGAINST. Note: it will be up to Richard Windsor whether or not to pass this extra 17.5% on to user groups.

The side disabled access ramp has been started.

South West Water.

Unfortunately SWW have quoted us £24,000 to move the sewer 2 meters. Looking at the breakdown of the costs, almost £9,000 of this quote is for admin and design!. The management committee feel this is outrageous. Croyde Village Hall is a charity, and a community building. The main reasons for the extension is to enable disabled access, build disabled toilets with baby changing facilities and so that small minority groups can afford to hire our new meeting room. It is considered by Croyde Village Hall management committee that SWW should review their quote for this work, David Tebbutt and Paul Cole will communicate with SWW on this subject.

David Tebbutt has spoken to another village hall who were in the same position. They had to pay the full amount in advance and SWW did do the work. Although after a lot of campaigning they did manage to get a small refund, 6 months or so after the work was completed.

It was agreed this puts the management committee in a very difficult position, if we say no to SWW's quote and start a dialogue with them, we cannot start to build the new side extension (as their work has to be done first). Various funding monies have been donated on the basis that the money must be spent by the 31st March 2008. If we delay in any way with SWW we will miss this deadline and we will have to return almost all of the money that we have received in grants.

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The management committee are very very unhappy with the fact that SWW have us “over a barrel”. A great discussion was had, the conclusion was that we either:~

1. Pay SWW and then build our new extension. We then attempt a refund from SWW.
2. Don't pay SWW, return almost all the grant money and we don't build the extension

Begrudgingly a vote took place on whether or not to proceed with SWW, 11 FOR and 4 AGAINST. (note: the FOUR objections were NOT objections to the extension project, but were objections on moral grounds against SWW and their outrageous quote).

Paul Cole to proceed with SWW and sign contracts ASAP.

General Maintenance:-

Our water bill has doubled in price! it was suggested that this was because of the free flowing men's toilet and a leak in the ladies toilets in the summer.

David Tebbutt raised his concerns about the current number of KEY HOLDERS. Chris Burrows has updated the “CVH committee CONTACT DETAILS” document to include KEY HOLDERS.

Paul Watkins has sorted out the internal wall lights.

David Tebbutt has installed the disabled parking sign fixed to the low white Oil Tank wall.

One table has been returned!, 2 tables are still missing!

Fund raising barometer ~ decided not to proceed

Brambles ~ no action yet

Clear out rubbish from oil tank ~ no action yet

The dishwasher plumbing is to go ahead ASAP.

New replacement tables have been received.

Any Other Business (AOB):-

The monthly 'bring your own chair' film club run by Chris Burrows and Mark Brindle from Maniac films ltd (based in Croyde) is going ahead. Starting on Thurs 10th Jan with a selection of 'extreme' water sports films. Future dates are, Thurs 14th Feb, Thurs 13th Mar and Thurs 10th Apr. If popular the film club will continue throughout the year.

CDB, DT and RW to get together and sort out the application for the "Level 1 - ready" Community Council of Devon "HALLMARK" scheme.

Wednesday 9th January is the Toddlers clearout and WALL MOVING day!!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Date of next meeting:-

Thursday 3rd January 2008 @ 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall.

End of meeting.

AGENDA

Management committee meeting for Croyde Village Hall on Thursday 3rd January 2008 @ 7:30pm.

Apologies:-

Matters arising:-

Fundraising:-

Treasurer report:-

Bookings report:-

User group reports:-

Skateboard club

Youth club

Extension project report:-

General maintenance:-

Any Other Business (AOB):-

Date of next meeting:-