

Minutes of Croyde Village Hall management committee meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2008 at 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall (CVH).

Present:- Margaret Patten (chair), Christopher Burrows (secretary), Richard Windsor (bookings secretary), David Tebbutt (treasurer), John Symonds (Parish Council chairman), Kim Watkins, Douglas Owen, Owen Sparke, Rose Cole, Rosemary Littlewood, Paul Cole, Paul Petrides, Amy Freeman, Paul Watkins, Bill Patten, Mary Tebbutt, Liz Greenway, Isabelle Bromham

1. Apologies for absence:- Vikki Worthington, Mary Stonehouse

2. Matters arising from previous minutes:-

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct and signed by Margaret Patten (chair).

Treasurer report:-

David Tebbutt handed out copies and read out the Village Hall asset statement of account. It was agreed to hold on to £5,000 as a working float for any important / necessary / emergency items.

Fundraising:-

As part of the North Devon festival the FILM NIGHT will hold a special North Devon based film night on Thursday 19th June. July 9th – Coffee morning August 10th – Open gardens
August 23rd – bank holiday BBQ Sept 12th – Bird Man of Barnstaple, Jonathan Marshall
(Mary Tebbutt to organise) Quiz night - Rachael Brand to organise later in the year.

Extension project report:-

Paul Cole reported that the extension (phase one) had been completed and signed off.

A reported water leak from the new sink area was not a leak but an expansion over flow valve.

It was reported that the loft hatch installed was not up to FIRE SAFETY standards and had to be either replaced or permanently sealed. It was decided to replace the loft hatch. Action: Paul Cole.

Windows, should we put up curtains or blinds or both?

Rosemary Littlewood, Richard Windsor & Streamways to populate the flowerbeds.

Carpet for the new meeting room and the youth club room: a short discussion was had about floorings, David Tebbutt, Richard Windsor and Chris Burrows will look into and get quotes from various sources and report back.

Gary Court quoted for painting the front of the hall, it was voted to go ahead and get it done ASAP.

Bookings report:-

Richard Windsor reported a very busy time for bookings.

But with the change of pub opening hours, live bands bookings had dropped by 50% with only the Universe Inspectors (taking almost every peak Saturday night) and two other bands playing only once each. This is a worry as almost all the regular income for the hall comes from bar sales on band nights. Paul Watkins and Chris Burrows to look into YOUTH CARDS for under 18's who wish to attend the live music events.

A short discussion was had in view of price increases and V.A.T. Richard Windsor to use his judgement when bookings bands etc for the hall.

An enquiry for Marshal Art classes every Thursday evening had been received, no firm booking yet.

User group reports:-

Croyde Players

Rosemary Littlewood asked about the redundant room behind the stage, and requested it for the use of Croyde Players. Fitting it out with cupboards and painting it up nice etc. It was agreed this a great idea, but not solely for the use of Croyde players in that other village hall users (e.g. bands) and items such as the plastic chairs (used only for the panto) would probably have to also be stored in this area.

Film Night

Not as popular as expected during the winter, but going weekly, every Sunday for July and August.

Croyde Youth Club

1. Complaint from Farmers Market (Saturday A.M.) about the state of the Hall following a youth club session – the youth club had finished for the season, thus there was **NO** youth club on that Friday.
2. The secretary had written a letter of complaint to the Seat garage (Croyde Motors) with reference to complaints from the children about waste water being thrown through the fence on to the skateboard area, unfortunately the letter has provoked a very angry and aggressive response both written and by telephone with the garage threatening legal action against the hall and the committee.
3. The annual Youth Music festival “Musical Youth III” returns on Saturday June 7th 2008.
4. Unfortunately, it was reported by four independent and separate committee members (all from different sources) that the owners and management of the Seat garage (Croyde Motors) had for a while now been actively seeking to close down our very popular children’s skateboard area. Their first move has been to complain to NDDC planning department that the committee are using the land illegally. A short discussion took place about possible options, it was decided by the full committee and voted in unanimously, that if forced to do so then Croyde Village Hall management committee would apply for what ever planning permission was required so that the children’s skateboard area could continue.
5. In an effort to try and smooth the waters between the village hall committee and Croyde Motors, Margaret Patten and Paul Petrides both agreed to arrange a meeting between the two parties.

John Symonds (Parish Council chairman) gave us a short history lesson: The children’s skateboard area came out of the 2004 parish plan surveys & subsequent consultation open days. Every single household in the parish were asked their opinions on what was needed. Specifically a children’s skateboard area & generally youth facilities kept on coming out top (from both young and old). Driven by the results from the parish plan subdivisions/teams were formed (Georgeham football club changing rooms, Croyde SLSC facility & the children’s skateboard area etc). Croyde Village Hall management committee stepped up to the mark and took on this project & has created a much needed, very popular & successful skateboard area with the added bonus of a winter Friday evening youth club.

Bearing in mind it is a community project & was one of the top requested items to come out of the parish plan & the fact that it has been built by, is run by & maintained by the full committee the committee were shocked & saddened to hear that a single member of the committee had been singled out for personal attack & has endured very unpleasant phone communications from Croyde Motors.

Toddlers

Owen Sparke requested for a shelf to be put up in the disabled / baby changing toilets. All agreed. He mentioned that on occasion there was no toilet paper.

General maintenance:-

- Check location and supplies within first aid box & check accident book – checked 05/06/08
- Check emergency lighting operation – checked 05/06/08
- Check location & condition of fire extinguishers – checked 05/06/08

Any Other Business (AOB):-

1. A letter had been received from Tri-Surf, an organisation in which youth exchange programs happen between Ireland, France and the U.K. they had hired the hall on a Thursday evening for a social for the French elite surf team, the letter was very complimentary of Croyde Village Hall facilities.
2. Paul Watkins spoke briefly about a P.A. system and new lighting for the hall, which everyone agreed would be great. P.W. and Phil Goodenough will look in to fund-raising ideas and options.

Date of next management committee meeting:-

Thursday 10th July 2008 @ **7:30pm** in Croyde Village Hall (new committee meeting room!)

End of meeting. 9.10pm close.

For official paper copy,
Chair persons name & signature:~

Date of signing:~