



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Community Hub Committee** Meeting held at **2.00pm on 19th July 2016 in The Parish Office**

PRESENT: Cllr G Kendall (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr M Humphray, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Dyer, Cllr Tarrant, Cllr Pigot, Cllr Bristow, Cllr Weaver and Cllr Marr

2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2016

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2016 and duly signed by the Chairman

3. Feedback from Ventnor trip

Impressed with the Ventnor Hub, though building a bit all over the place. They did well securing the town's car parks and part of the revenue. Having offices for Police, health and private businesses is a good mix. This was the most useful visit of the three and the one we have most in common with. They employ 15 members of staff which includes youth workers. They received many grants including from My Life a Full Life for tables, chairs and dividing walls. Parking is still one of our biggest issues. Acquiring the library building, knocking down and creating a car park would take a lot of consultation but would help the situation. Asking BT for a short term lease for parking could work. Making Church Road one lane with dedicated parking marked out could be another solution. Neither the Library or Heritage has a lease on the building but discussions would have to be held with them about moving into the Village Hall. Their digital forum works well, though we do have the Bembridge Community Facebook page which Steve Warburton runs. Would need to employ another person to manage and keep updated.

RESOLVED: Enquire if BT will give us a short term lease for parking in Church Road

4. Consider setting a budget for the Community Hub Project

Need a budget to start the project which would cover training already arranged and any professional assistance required. High Street toilet refurbishments had a budget of £10,000 no longer need which could be transferred. Grant funding from £50,000 could be available from Coastal Community Fund, next round April 2017 but could arrange a telephone interview to find out if we are eligible for the grant. Locality grant for £10,000 requires too much work for the amount being given.

RESOLVED: Agreed a budget of £15,000 for 2016/17 to be carried forward not repeated annually

5. Consider quotations for the valuations of 5/7 High Street

We have worked with Christopher Scott (quoted £REDACTED) a number of times in the past and HRD (quoted £REDACTED) have also provided insurance valuations previously. Scotcher & Co

(quoted £REDACTED) are not qualified RICS surveyor/valuer and Spence Willard (quoted £REDACTED) we have not worked with in the past. With Christopher Scott we can use them for valuations, surveying, planning advice and architectural services, which should make the project easier.

RESOLVED: Appoint the Planning Hub. Arrange meeting with Christopher Scott the Planning & Development Hub in August. Cllrs Kendall, Grannum and Weedall will attend.

6. Consider quotation from Hedleys for training session and advice

The Economic Development Officer from Ventnor may be able to help us. Have arranged the training session on Charitable Trusts so we should obtain some information from that and we already have knowledge on some issues. Could we use Hedley's as and when required? Before deciding on anything we need meeting with Christopher Scott and valuations so we know financially where we stand.

RESOLVED: Ratify Charitable Trust Training Session £400 delivered by Roger Hedley on 26th July.

7. Consider initial meeting with Village Hall Management Committee

No meeting until valuations and feedback received from Christopher Scott which we can discuss at our next meeting in September.

8. Consider inviting outside members to join the Committee

Alan Morris would be ideal with his project managing background and grant funding knowledge. Dennis Chubb as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee would be helpful. Cllr Jonathan Bacon could represent the Library Group. Heritage and BBA could be represented later on in the project as could police and CCG. Will need to arrange a consultation session in the Village Hall showing options, once information is available.

RESOLVED: Ask Alan Morris, Dennis Chubb and Jonathan Bacon to join the committee.

At present there is not a beer festival on the Isle of Wight, maybe we could arrange an annual festival, seeing that the Street Fair attracts vast numbers yearly would be good for the village.

9. To confirm next time and date of next meeting 20th September 2.00pm in the Parish Office

Confirmed

Post meeting note: Next meeting brought forward to Tuesday 6th September 2.00pm in the Parish Office.

Meeting Closed: 3.00pm

Signed: Dated:.....