



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Community Hub Committee** meeting held at **10am on 20th October 2016 in The Parish Office**

Present: Mr A Morris (Chairman), Mr D Chubb, Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr T Freeman, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr M Tarrant, 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
Apologies received from Cllr S Weedall, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr A Woodford and Cllr G Kendall.
Non-attendance Cllr M Humphray
2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2016
RESOLVED: Approved minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2016
3. To agree the Community and Stakeholder Consultation events and materials required
Consultation leaflets have been ordered from Wightleaflets who will deliver 95% of Bembridge. Nine roads will need volunteers to deliver leaflets, Cllr Bristow, Cllr Tarrant, Cllr Woodford and Cllr Kendall have offered and will deliver once leaflets are ready. The consultation day is planned for 1st November in the Village Hall, 2 sessions 1-3pm and 5-7pm, volunteers to help will be required. Christopher Scott is producing the zoning plan, asset list and services list for 3 boards to be on display.
4. To run through and agree the project plan
There have been a number of changes since original plan was produced, Mr Morris will update but needs feedback from the group to be forwarded to him. Plan to be ready for the consultation day.
5. To receive an update from the initial meeting with the tenants of 5/7 High Street, Captain Stans, Conker Cloud, SH Tree Services and Parish Lengthsmen
Cpt Stans – REDACTED

Conker Cloud – REDACTED

SH Tree Services – REDACTED

Lengthsmen – sites have been looked at and they know what is happening, no concerns.
6. To discuss the requirements of the Parish Lengthsmen
Looked at the entrance to the old school field on Steyne Road which is being used at present by Island Roads, but this would need installation of electric and water. A new generator could be purchased and they could use the water supply at the changing rooms. There could be space behind the toilet block in Steyne Park. A pre-fabricated building could be purchased for between £10,000 and £15,000.

7. To receive an update from the initial meeting with Village Hall Management Committee, Library Management Committee and Heritage Society Committee
Village Hall – started off with the wrong idea's but believes they left happy with the information given. There is a meeting tonight of the Village Hall Committee so more feedback should be forthcoming. No final decisions have been made on the hall plan this is the first stage to consult on. The Village Hall does need investment for the future and how far we go depends on the finances available.

Library – Rob Jones (IWC), Mike Bulpitt and Phillipa Daley (Community Action) and Chris Brennan (Library) attended. Lots of discussion was had on the threats to library services and how other areas are dealing with it. Alan and Emma visited Chris at the Library yesterday where she showed them around and explained what they were doing there and what the space was needed for. Merging services would reduce the costs for everyone, but the Library would have a smaller space than they have presently. The Library would like to see a zoning plan of the changes to the Village Hall being considered before commenting. IWC now have to make a decision on the building.

RESOLVED: Emma to speak with IWC Property Services.

Heritage – Rita Edgecumbe attended and listened to plans. After speaking with the group later at their meeting, they expressed interest in moving to the Village Hall and would like to see plans.

8. To receive an update from Christopher Scott and Planning Hub – meeting with Tim Hall Architect Rainy Petrie
Sent list of priorities to Christopher Scott, and plans followed from Tim Hall (Rainey Petre). The first lot were sent back as were not what we had asked for and from the second batch layout 3 was the preferred choice as a starting place. Feedback on the plans should be forwarded to Alan. An extension over the kitchen could provide more office/storage space. Entrance lobby could be extended either side to house stairs and storage. Would we need a toilet upstairs? Is the kitchen in the correct place? Could the stage be reduced in size?
9. To discuss a Project Officer
Advert has gone in the County Press for 2 weeks, closing date for applications 4th November with interviews on 11th November. 12 hours per week for 6 months on sc18.

AOB

Contacted Community Action regarding Village SOS grants but have been told this has closed now. No one on the Isle of Wight has been successful yet with a Coastal Communities Grant. Awards for All now open for up to £10,000. Need to look again at options.

Parish Office – What plans for the Parish Office? Leasing may cover the PWBL but maintenance of the building would be an extra cost. Would have to sell the building for £125,000 to cover the capital and interest on the loan, the value 2 years ago was £115,000. A discussion by the Parish Council is needed to decide which way to go.

RESOLVED: get valuations for sale and rental of the Parish Office and up to date early repayment figures from PWLB.

High Street building – Christopher Scott suggested approx. REDACTED for the building with planning permission to develop. Having a meeting with HRD on 1st November to discuss sale and what differences would be made with Cpt Stan's lease and any overages.

Library – Does the Parish Council take on the lease or purchase the library if offered by IWC? If purchased for £1 could the PC purchase and knock down for a village carpark? The main aims of the Community Hub when first discussed were to rationalise the parish's assets, not take on more. Shouldn't the Library or Community Action take on the library building? Do not know what the IWC has planned for the site, more information is required. Need to be realistic as to what we can do with the finances available and what is best for the future. Discussion by the Parish Council is needed.

10. To confirm time and date of next meeting
Next meeting 10.00am Thursday 17th November in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 11.30am

Signed:.....

Dated:.....