

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TREFFGARNE VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2007

PRESENT: Robin Jones, Paul Robinson, Kath Nur, Pat Griffiths, Roy Lewis, Kevin Lowther and Reverend David Rees

APOLOGIES: Lynne Jones, Ian Fudge

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and deemed to be accurate by all present.

MATTERS ARISING:

Church Lease:

The Church in Wales has responded to the letter sent by Ian on behalf of the Committee. The letter advises that prior to any lease agreement a Chartered Surveyor will need to be instructed to recommend terms. The cost of this assessment would have to be met by the Committee.

The Church in Wales also advises that the Community Council should be the leaseholders.

Ian has suggested that the group should hold back on the cost of the survey until the views of the village have been collated in respect of viability etc. and the council agreed to be leaseholders.

Discussion took place within the group around this matter, chicken/egg situation, feasibility study before survey or survey before feasibility study.

The group decided to press on with collating the questionnaires and to research an individual, who may undertake the survey, David Coulson was mentioned and Pat ? (Q.S.) also lives in Treffgarne.

It was also agreed that the reply from Church in Wales was somewhat ambiguous and clarification would be needed from them in terms of the lease proposal, ie would basis of rent depend on proposed use of the hall etc.

Representative Body:

A resolution has been passed from Wolfscastle Community Council that Paul Robinson will be their representative on this committee.

Match Funding:

Members reminded to keep records of time spent etc.

Current Building:

Continues to deteriorate. The group discussed the options re maintenance. Ultimately Pembrokeshire County Council would be responsible for the hall if it becomes unrepairable. Is it worth repairing? The roof and windows are the main problem. Should repairing be considered as an Option B if complete rebuild does not go ahead?

Roy will assess.

Questionnaires:

Some still outstanding. Initial opinion from those already completed, anecdotally – varying responses and experiences, mostly positive, some apathy, a few quite negative.

Pat and Paul will collate responses as soon as possible, hopefully before the next meeting.

Future Action:

As before. In addition, clarification needed re terms of lease before and after potential new build. Market value should be sought. What if the cost of the lease is too high?

Pat Griffiths will contact Heath Coomb (PCC) to seek advice regarding where to go from here.

Paul will speak to Ian re the lease.

If regeneration money is not available for Treffgarne Village Hall, should the committee look at other avenues to secure funding?

Suggestions were put forward to invite a rep from Spittal Village Hall committee to inform the group of their experiences. ?Heath Coomb to attend next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Robin has developed a Web site @www.Treffgarne.org.uk.

An article to be submitted to Wolfswistle re the aims of the group.
Kath to do.

The next meeting to be held at Paul's home, The Old Post Office,
Kiln Park on April 26th at 7 pm.