

DITTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024.

PRESENT: CLLRS M PORTER (Vice Chair), Mrs A THROSSELL,
J COX, Mrs L COX, A WATERS, N NEWMAN, Mrs K NASH
Mrs SALLY CRAIG (Business Administrator), Mrs N GREENAWAY (Clerk),
Mrs B BENN (OSA Administrator)

63. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

64. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr Mrs J DEARDEN and Cllr D ADLINGTON. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the Absence Book Ref: 544 and **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED**.

65. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

66. **FINANCE**

(a) Financial Analysis – Month 1

READ and **NOTED**

67. **BARS**

(a) Kilnbarn Takings

READ and **NOTED**

(a) Matters brought forward

- i. Replacement of bar counter

It was **REPORTED** that the work was scheduled to start on Monday 22nd July with completion by Friday 26th July.

(b) Matters arising

- i. Outside Lighting for Patio area

A quotation to install new lighting for the Kilnbarn patio area was considered.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £525.00 + vat from Andy Payne Electrical Contractors to install 2 spotlights and 2 flood lights.

(b) Refurbishment

i. Toilets

A quotation to refurbish the Ladies toilets using the same specification as the refurbished Oaken Hall toilets was considered,. It was **REPORTED** that the contractor would be able to carry out the work at the same time the Kilnbarn was closed for the bar counter refurbishment.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £6,046.34 + vat from JPS Group to refurbish the Ladies toilets.

(c) Current Situation

Nothing to report at this time.

68. **COMMUNITY CENTRE**(a) Matters brought forward

i. Fire Risk Assessment

It was **REPORTED** that a quote to replace fire doors has been requested.

ii. Community Centre WIFI

It was **REPORTED** that Openreach have brought the line to the outside of the building, but are now waiting for a further survey on how they will bring it into the building.

(b) Current Situation

It was **REPORTED** that the new chairs have now been delivered with favourable comments from hirers.

69. **50th ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY CENTRE**Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary

It was **REPORTED** that invites would be sent out in the next few weeks for the Tea Party on Sunday 8th September.

Councillors discussed holding a further event open to the public on Saturday 12th October. The suggestion was made to hold an evening of Live Music, featuring some of the bands that performed at the music festival, charge a nominal ticket fee of £5 per person and donating the proceeds to local charities - Heart of Kent Hospice and MacMillan Cancer Support at Maidstone Hospital. It was **AGREED** to hold this event and make the necessary arrangement.

70. **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Current situation

It was **REPORTED** that the event had been a huge success despite the weather. It was **AGREED** that the event would held again next year on Saturday 7th June and we would try to incorporate the 30th Anniversary of Ditton Twinning with Rang de Fleurs into the day.

71. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7.52pm

Chairman
8th July 2024

