

LANGDON SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Minutes of the Meeting of the User Group Panel
September 17th 2015

Present: Cllr Jan Brunton, Dave Elliott, Christine Eaton, Colin Swain, Pat Swain, Ian Geldard

Apologies: Cllr G Cole, Margaret Black, Denice Partington, Mary Joyce

1. Declaration of Interest

Jan Brunton an elected member of Middlesbrough council.

2. Minutes of the meeting held July 16th were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a. Gazette Dave had written a follow up story and sent it in to the gazette but had not had any reply.

b. Quilt A quilt has been made by Margaret's craft group which is to be raffled for Centre funds.

4. Gardens

Community Payback have trimmed the hedges round the centre and cleared the debris underneath.

Our responsibility for the gardens is inside the footprint of the building i.e. the tiled area next to the building.

Ground works have trimmed back the other hedges and tidied up.

Dave commented that the outside was now a lot tidier.

Pat said that the dance group were always commenting how nice the flower tubs at the entrance were. Thanks to planting by John Black and tending by the caretakers.

As discussed at a previous meeting Alan is to buy some shrubs and plant them in the bare patch outside the GP room now the window has been replaced. This will add to the security of the building when they are established. Dave said he has arranged for the final hedge cut to be done at the end of the month.

5. Fabric Maintenance

Dave reported we had a rolling programme of maintenance work for next year.

The next projects would be the GP room and the office.

The upstairs lounge has not been scheduled as the usage is minimal. The access to the UL is difficult for some users and also if they need a lot of equipment the stairs prove difficult.

Ian said the National Trust Committee meetings could possibly be held up there. Ian is to contact the caretakers about the timetable.

Pat asked about the curtain at the emergency door to the hall and if it was to be replaced before the winter. Chris said one of our user group members is to split the existing curtain which would hopefully be in the near future.

6. Fund Raising

A quilt has been made by the ladies in the craft group this is to be raffled over the next months. The caretakers and Chris have discussed a coffee morning but felt that one on the scale of the one in 2013 was not viable but are looking for some alternative idea.

7. Website

Michael is too busy to spend time on the site and is looking to hand it over. We are told a new user has experience of website and is keen to add her group onto the website.

Margaret is to have a word when the group meets to see if she will take on the updating of the site.

8. Christmas Closing and Decorations.

It is planned that the decorations will be put up Friday 27th November 2015. This event has been brought to 20th November.

The centre will close from 18th December – 4th January.

Dave will cover centre and check hall for Sequence Dance 19th Dec and 2nd Jan.

Date of next User Meeting 19th November 2015 at 6.00 p.m.