

MEETING OF COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY  
TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, AT 9.30 in The Podmore Building

NOTES

Present: Jonathan White (TWBC), Nichola Reay (PWTC) Andy Mackie

WP1 **UPDATE ON CURRENT POSITION**

NR to contact Bumble Bees to arrange meeting with JW

AM advised that Cllr Thomas (chairman) had asked him and Cllr Turk to look at the Day Centre usage.

The Neighbourhood Plan group were looking at the Wesley Centre usage.

AM also advised that Feria had asked about the Community Centre with regards to the NP.

AM would be willing to set up a community forum – JW would speak to Cllr Thomas in the first instance.

JW advised that Mascalls School were proposing to purchase seating to create a 350 seater auditorium and were willing to allow community use. This would free up additional space in the community centre if it was not required as a theatre. Space could be made available for additional paying tenants. Could consider re-locating the Day Centre users, PWTC and Scallywags to new centre. NR to work out running costs of existing buildings.

WP2 **GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS**

No up dates required

WP3 **FINANCES**

(a) The town council has agreed, in principle, to taking out a loan of £1.5 m subject to public consultation and approval by the Council's Finance Committee. It has also agreed to release £10k of the community centre fund to allow for expenses.

(b) VAT – a meeting with vat consultants has been arranged.

WP4 **LEGAL MATTERS**

NR had spoken to the Chairman of Brenchley parish Council to see if they were likely to object to varying the covenant on the field. The covenant states that the field should only be used for exercise and recreation. The council's solicitor is of the opinion that a community centre would breach that covenant. Further investigation suggests that the covenant was placed by KCC prior to the transfer to BPC. PWTC has agreed to engage KCC legal services to explore this issue. NR to action.

WP5

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The questionnaire should be available online and as a paper copy. NR to ask Cllr Boyle if he is willing to put the questionnaire on Survey Monkey. AM will do so if he is unable.

A short article has been placed in the Town Crier asking residents to make sure they return the forms.

AM will review the questionnaire and advise NR by the end of the week on any amendments. TMS would then be asked to print the leaflets and. NR to arrange distribution.

WP6

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

WP7

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed