

MEETING OF COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY
Tuesday 11th September at 1.30 om in the Podmore Building,
St Andrews Road

PRESENT: Cllr E Wilson, in the Chair
Mr A. Stanley, Mr M. Ridger, Mr A. Mackie,
Mr. M Lemont, Mrs S Wadsworth, Ms S Woodcock
Mrs N Reay (PWTC) Mr J White, TWBC

Cllr Mrs M Flashman

APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Moon, David Morriss

WP114 NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A copy of the notes of the previous meeting were attached and agreed.

a) The group agreed that the costs of re-aligning the tennis courts should not be included in the costs of the project – but should be budgeted for separately.

b) The DDA Compliance was discussed and it was agreed the group agreed that BS8300 should not be taken forward. None of the halls the group had visited had included the standards in their designs.

c) The details of the TRESPA finish had been circulated to members. It was agreed that the designs should continue to be progressed

WP115 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

(a) Petition to Town Council – the town council had received a petition with 826 signatures objecting to the building of a community centre at the Memorial Field. The petition would be discussed at the council meeting on Monday 17th September 2018.

(b) Cllr Wilson would circulate a written report before the council meeting on Monday night. She reported that the Church event had been rained off. However, a number of residents has engaged with the group over the summer and they had received a number of positive comments. It was generally acknowledged that there was a need for it in the community but there was still a way to go to get full support. Need to consider an online questionnaire.

WP116 VISITS TO COMMUNITY CENTRES

The group had visited the following community centres:

Crowborough – this was a large community centre where the catering element has just been taken back in house, as it could not break even. The café needs to be available for all users and has a problem that it is not visible from the main hall.

There are only 20 parking spaces for the community centre.

Langton Green – has no café but a kitchen which is accessible to the halls

Platt Village Hall – new hall with large domestic kitchen which is attached to the hall areas. Has storage space, including loft storage. 50 parking spaces. Funding was raised by crowd funding and it took the community association 15 years to raise money. Cost £824,000 They have £30k pa revenue and it is managed by volunteers using smart technology.

All three centres are run by community associations.

Need to consider the following:

- Need to set up a charity
- Community interest company
- Don't want to compete with Putlands
- Manned café or franchise?
- Kitchen should contain – Microwave, fridge, hob oven & freezer
- Café is important & should not be downsized
- Need large domestic kitchen

WP117 MEETING DATES

The meeting dates previously agreed are as follows. However, as the town council meeting is on the third Monday of every month. This does not allow the board to meet prior to the town council meeting for that month. It is therefore agreed that the working party meeting dates are changed to last week of the month. This will allow time for the board to meet and any decisions required can then be included on the agenda for the following month. Council Agendas need to be sent out a week before the meeting.

MEETING DATES	MEETING TIMES
Tuesday 25 th September 2018	11 am
Tuesday 30 th October 2018	1.30 pm
Tuesday 27 th November 2018	1.30 pm
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	1.30 pm
Tuesday 29 th January 2019	1.30 pm
Tuesday 26 th February 2019	1.30 pm

It was agreed that the meeting due to be held on 25th September should be held at Gray's Community Café in Brenchley, at 11 am.

CHAIRMAN