

COMBINED COMMUNITY CENTRES COMMITTEE

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Thursday 25th April 2022 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Lyn Bolton, June Reid, Neil Harris, John Newton-Davies

OFFICERS: Public members: Alex Hickinbotham
Community Centres Manager Martine MacRae,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jim Watson

ABSENT:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :There were none.

499 MINUTES

The minutes of the Combined Community Centres Committee held on 13th September 2021, having previously being circulated, were taken as a correct record and it was:

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Combined Community Centres Committee meeting held on the 13th September 2021, be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

500 FINANCE

The Committee noted the Finance Report. Some questions were asked of the Community Centre Manager and were responded to.

501 OFFICER VERBAL REPORT

Chair:

Cllr Bolton expressed the Committees thanks to Jim Watson for his observations regarding the blocked/damaged guttering at Marshalswick Community Centre.

Community Centres Manager

Marshalswick Community Centre:

Martine MacRae advised that the Centre is now fully up and running. She further advised that Carpet Bowls have returned to their slot on a Monday evening and Alban Lacemakers have moved to Jersey Farm.

Jersey Farm Community Centre

Martine MacRae advised that Harvesters Playgroup had returned to the Centre on a Friday.

There have been 46 childrens' parties since the last meeting in September 2021, generating £3700 in revenue.

502 REVIEW OF HIRE CHARGES

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED

To adopt Cllr Bolton’s proposal as follows:

HIRE CHARGES 2021/2022 and 2022/2023

To be operational from June 1st 2022

Proposed Day Rate 2022/2023	Proposed Evening Rate 2022/2023	HOURLY RATES	Current Day Rate	Current Evening Rate
25.00	36.00	Casual Rate	23.00	33.50
17.00	21.00	Commercial Rate	15.50	19.00
14.00	17.00	Community Rate	13.00	15.50
12.00	17.00	MCC Committee room	11.00	15.50
8.00	11.00	JF Committee room	7.50	10.00
500.00		All Day	460.00	

It was further:

RESOLVED

To include in the letter to hirers to “Reserve the right to increase the hire charges if required, subject to a review in December 2022”.

503 MARSHALSWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE – ASHBOURNE NURSERY

Councillor Bolton advised the Committee that further to a meeting between Cllr Bolton, Martine MacRae and Imran Mehdi, Mr Mehdi advised that he would no longer require the Committee Room as a baby room. He has taken the decision to use the main hall for 1 year old plus. Subject to Committee approval, it was provisionally agreed to reduce their monthly hire rate from £2900 to £2000 per month.. After discussion it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously agreed to accept Cllr Bolton’s proposal to reduce the monthly hire rate to £2000 per month.

504 MARSHALSWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE – ASHBOURNE NURSERY CURTAINS

Martine MacRae advised that Ashbourne Nursery had requested to change the curtains in the main hall to fit in with their new Montessori approach.

Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED

To allow Ashbourne Nursery to change the curtains in the main hall to a more neutral colour (to be paid for by Ashbourne Nursery).

505 MARSHALSWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE – CLADDING

In the absence of Jim Watson it was:

RESOLVED

To defer the Agenda item to the next meeting.

506 MARSHALSWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE – ASTRO TURF

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED

To defer this agenda item to the meeting in December 2022, giving time to observe if the grass deteriorates or not over the next 8 months.

507 MARSHALSWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE – RAPID CHARGING POINTS

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED

That Alex Hickinbotham would obtain more information and ideas and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

508 COMMUNITY CENTRES ANNUAL INSPECTION

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED

That Martine MacRae and Alex Hickinbotham would carry out an internal inspection of both Community Centres during the summer and Rebecca Pannese the Facilities Manager and Jim Watson (assuming he agrees) would carry out the external inspection.

509 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were none.

510 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alex Hickinbotham suggested it would be useful to have knowledge of Compliments and concerns from users. Lynn Bolton suggested that the Community Centres Manager has a card to give to hirers for feedback to the Chair.

Alex Hickinbotham suggested it might be helpful if the committee reviewed the relevant Risk assessments for the centres at the meetings. After discussion it was agreed to review annually.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Combined Community Centres Committee will be on Monday 12th September 2022 at Marshalswick Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chair

Date