

## **Land and buildings - committee meetings minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022 @6pm**

Chair – Cllr Emma Phipps-Magill

Vice Chair – Cllr Amanda McConnell

Attendees – CLLR Dave Davies, CLLR Kevin Ingram, Cllr Emma Phipps-Magill

Guest – Andrea Soulsby -Caretaker Bedwas Workmen's Hall

Apologies - Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Jill Winslade

### **No declarations of interest noted**

### **Bedwas Workmen's Hall update:**

There are concerns with rain and pending weather this forthcoming winter. Particularly regarding the leaks coming from the projector room on the upper floor of the hall. There is not currently a remedy for this, other than managing the water ingress. It is hoped the first phase of the hall refurb will address this concern over the next year.

Fire exit doors – school and library side – doors leaking and allowing water penetration which has led to door rot/clear gaps /warping and paint peel. They are functioning at this time however there is a risk to security due to alarms not being able to be set as the water running over the alarms connectors sets off the security alarms and this area cannot be disconnected. To enhance security a chain has been applied to the door which is not an ideal solution. A company has come out to inspect however they were mental door experts and could not help.

There are also concerns of the same nature in relation to the front left and bottom right hand side entry doors.

***Recommendation: Suggestion to request Annie to explore a carpenter/joiner to assess if the doors are repairable and to provide advise and quote to repair them.***

National lottery surveys are progressing well, and everything is moving forward regarding readiness for the next stage of funding applications. - Ray Robinson visiting hall tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> Nov with a supplier to take measurements on windows in readiness for the submission of the next National lottery Bid.

**Men In Shed** - Cllr Phipps-Magill has reached out to Lisa Rawlings and is currently awaiting a new date to meet to progress the Veterans hub supporting this initiative. Cllr Dave Davies has agreed to visit site to review current position and support in moving the forward the erecting of the shed.

**Memorial Garden** – Much discussion took place around this topic which resulted in the decision that this committee recommend to full council they do not go ahead with the request of the placing/ hanging of mirrors within the garden, This recommendation is based on a number of factors Mirrors – there is a genuine health and safety concern/ the garden although open to the public does not have a permanent caretaker in place to oversee any possible damage and the

cleaning up of such / if a mirror was to fall/ be broken and it lands in the garden beds this could

cause pose a risk to volunteers. Fundamentally are the community council willing to accept the risks associated with having mirrors in the garden.

Alternatively the committee would like to make the following recommendation - That purchase of colourful items such as eco-friendly windmills etc be place in the garden, that the council consider the purchase of portable children friendly items such as black boards/ garden games even asking the volunteers to create a a trail map which encourages interaction of the younger demographics of our community. Also, that we request the events committee to consider holding a bespoke storytelling/ children's fun day for next year. It has been suggested we link with the BTM history groups for the children to learn about the history of their community in a fun and interactive way.

Additional to this the chair of the Land and building committee is seeking clarity of the purpose of the garden. Is it a memorial garden? Or community garden? As each of these titles brings different behaviour's and understanding of such within our community. Clarity on this will allow discussions and requests to be consider appropriately – Michel Williams community garden

**CCTV** - It is felt options 2 is the better quote but requires further discussion and context. Chair of land and buildings has been advised to highlight. Use of HIK products should be considered under UK guidance. Vulnerabilities of systems quoted as follows:

- Cyber – proven to have vulnerabilities around hacking so much as USA has banned in US
- Colour is vulnerable to external white light interference – ie torches/ headlights

Much preferred CCTV systems with longevity would be AXIS CCTV systems, as this provides remote access for monitoring/ detection. IR night vision detection/ crips clear images which can be used as part of an evidence package in regard to prosecution / day time imaging and night time imaging

To be noted a meeting has taken place with the tenants of the community council building and chair of BTM. Chair Cllr Dave Davies will provide verbal report to council as a closed item.