

Eardisland Parish Council

Village Hall Project Working Group Meeting on
7 January 2020 at 6.00 pm in Eardisland Village Hall

Notes

Present: Parish Council – Merry Albright; EVHMC – Carole Millin and Susie Curtis; Parishioner – Ross Risdon; Parish Clerk – Alison Sutton; Dave Carr – Parishioner, Qualified architect and surveyor.

1. Apologies

Reg Curtis – Parish Council.

2. Update on heating issue and agree recommendation to PC

Gas heaters in hall condemned on 13/12/19, not reparable. 5 oil-filled radiators and 2 timers bought by EVHMC to heat events for rest of year, cost £150. Currently 3 on timers, 2 auxiliary. Electricity use being monitored, increased high usage.

EVHMC need to keep hall warm for users. Cannot run hall on emergency heating long-term, particularly as heaters very hot and not suitable if children around.

Already lost one long-term booking, income reduced by £100/month as result and had to refuse booking for a children's party.

If gas heaters replaced or new system installed, EVHMC offering £2k towards cost to encourage quick action, as extra electricity would come to similar amount over year. However, this means EVHMC unable to do other projects.

Recommendation to PC on 9.1.20

3 options:

1. Replace gas heaters, cost £3.5k (2 quotes received so far) but dead money as will not be used once refurbishment done + EVHMC need financial support for extra electricity costs, also dead money
2. Install new gas central heating system asap, cost approx. £7-8k + EVHMC need financial support for extra electricity costs, dead money.
If agreed ask for delegation to Clerk to get 3 quotes urgently and then have extra PC meeting to agree contractor.
3. Close the hall as not viable to heat long term with temporary emergency heaters.
4. Also inform PC cost of flat ceiling is £7-8k more than insulating within vault.

Update: PC decided to install new gas central heating system, PC meeting on 29 January to consider quotes and commission asap. Insulate vault rather than flat ceiling.

3. Application form for Marches Renewable Energy Project

Not relevant as going for gas central heating system.

4. Pre-application advice

Head of Planning has advised that PC should put in pre-application advice request re what windows are acceptable.

Planning portal states should check with LPA if planning approval required for work on windows when building in Conservation Area.

Recommendation to PC on 9.1.20

Don't apply for pre-app advice, go for uPVC windows within full application for kitchen. Wait till end of January until more known about phosphate issue.

If agreed by PC, ask for delegation to Clerk: to get quotes for FRA; to start preparing application with input from EVHMC when position re phosphates positive for applications being decided.

Update: PC decided to get quotes for FRA and make planning application when phosphate issue resolved.

5. Meeting with Dave Tristram

Monday 20 January, around 1.00 pm. Merry, Dave and Carole. Need to get list from Dave T of possible grants.

6. Next steps

EVHMC: kitchen without fridge, dishwasher or installation but including all surfaces and other appliances - £8,846 +VAT, EVHMC get cost with installation included.

7. Open forum – None.**8. Date and venue for next meeting – 11 February 2020 at 18.00.**

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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