

CORNHILL COMMUNITY ACTION

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 25th March following the AGM

1. Present/Apologies - same as for the AGM

2. Minutes of meeting of 1st March 2023

These were circulated before the meeting and will be signed digitally.

Matters arising: Item 6 Progress report

Signs from the main road - in the absence of any progress with this, Maggie investigated all possibilities. At the moment the Centre is not eligible for an NCC brown sign. The cost of the application form is £420 and the sign itself £1000. Maggie ordered a flexi-sign from Fantasy Prints which is now in place.

William suggested it may be worth investigating 'sponsoring a roundabout'. This will be pursued.

3. Refurbishment in the next year

Martin reported that the heating system is now the priority and this is underway. The broadband situation should be resolved by the end of May.

4. Funding - *please refer to the minutes of the AGM*

5. Publicity report - *please refer to the minutes of the AGM*

Angela suggested we should put adverts on the public noticeboards in both Cornhill and Branxton. It was agreed that this was a very good idea.

6. Health & Safety report - *please refer to the minutes of the AGM*

7. Tenants' report

Maggie reported that one of the tenants wondered if it would be possible to organise an Art exhibition or similar in the main hall. It was agreed that this could be organised if someone was responsible for the exhibits at all times because of the insurance. Also one of the units would have to be open while the exhibition was in place because of the fire regulations. It would not be possible to provide a front door key for the exhibitor so access would have to be arranged with one of the tenants.

A tenant also wondered about a car boot sale in the car park. This was not viewed favourably by either the trustees or the PC members present.

Lastly, one of the tenants is very concerned about low footfall at the Centre. It was pointed out that it is still very early days (the units have only been open for a few weeks) and there is much publicity that can still be done, e.g. at the official opening at the Summer Fair on July 23rd.

8. a.o.b.

Wasps - Pest Force from Berwick came to look at the situation and reported that almost certainly wasps are looking to make nests in the building. William said to contact Surekill in Maxton who will remove any nests. He offered to pay for the cost of this which was gratefully accepted. He was thanked for his generosity.

Parking - the tenants have agreed amongst themselves that, in general, cars should not be brought to the front of the building. The problem of the abandoned car was mentioned and this will be pursued by CPC,

Disabled access - Maggie will investigate what we need for easier wheelchair access.

Open Day - Mj told us about her Open Day on 10th June from 12 to 5.00.

9. Date of next meeting - Monday July 17th at 6pm in the Village Hall.