

Cornhill Community Action Status report - 10th March 2022

CAT: CPC signed the transfer documents at this meeting. The two contracts will be exchanged as soon as possible.

Re-connection of electricity:

In August 2020 when MD discovered that the electricity and water had been disconnected, he obtained a price for re-connection of the electricity from Crown Energy. In September 2020, they quoted £18,991. Through NCC, Gleesons said that was too high and they could do better. *Nothing happened, despite lots of reminders during the next 18 months.*

In February 2022, Gleesons requested a fixed price for re-connection, Having agreed at the last PC meeting to obtaining an online price for re-connection, Gleesons and others used the online calculator on the SP Energy website, which produced figures in the order of £2600. MD concluded that £5000 should cover the costs of both re-connection of electricity and water. However, SP Energy Networks said that the supply had not simply been disconnected but had been destroyed. On 3rd March, we heard that reinstatement would cost £18,437 (so back where we were in September 2020). The offer of a cap of £5000 was withdrawn.

Re-connection of water:

MD has filled in all the forms and the PC has paid £139. just for the quotation. We should receive that by March 21st.

Building work:

Because all the arrangements had been made with the builders, work started on March 2nd. Inevitably there has been lot of removal work to do but the start of the refurbishment can already be seen. ED will keep a photographic record of progress. Photos will be put on the Cornhill Centre website. At the moment the builders are using battery-operated tools but soon they will need a generator which will have to be hired and that will have a cost attached.

Joinery:

MD & ED took the measurements for the new doors and sent these to WRM Joinery. The doors should be delivered by the end of April.

Bookings:

One of our prospective tenants uses a compressor for her work and was concerned about the noise it makes. ED went to listen to it and realised that, sadly, it is far too loud for a residential area. Therefore we have only three bookings for the Centre now.

Publicity:

Once again, we are held up by the actual transfer not having happened. However, there will be a mention in the April editions of The Fourum and Glendale Live. We will wait until we actually own the building before we use social media.

School refurbishment or Village Green

A Cornhill resident has offered the use of a mini-digger plus driver at no cost. We are very grateful as this could be really useful.