



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from the Town Hall Committee Meeting held at 7:00 pm on Thursday 24th September using Zoom video conferencing

Present: Cllr O'Mard, Evitt, Brandon, Berry, and the Town Clerk.

The Committee acknowledge the sad news of Cllr John Blake's passing. John was a valued member of this committee. Our thoughts go out to his family and his partner Judith at this terrible time.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Hudson, Cllr Smith.

2. Declaration of any interests and consideration of Requests for Dispensation.

None received.

3. Public questions and community announcements.

No members of the public present.

Meeting to be closed for public participation.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020.

Proposed by Cllr O'Mard seconded by Cllr Evitt – all in favour

5. Relations with our neighbours.

No issues currently with neighbours to the Town Hall.

6. Wedding Licence renewal – 21 May 2021

The Clerk reported that the wedding licence was due for renewal next May. Preparations for the application need to begin. A Fire inspection is required for the renewal. Clerk to book the fire inspection.

The Clerk raised concerns about whether the licence pays for itself as it needs at least three weddings per year to pay for the licence costs. As bookings have been received for weddings post May it was decided to continue with the application for the renewal, but a review should take place in September 2024 as to whether the Council wished to retain the licence.

The Clerk asked if the video made by a local film maker had been completed. Action for Cllr Brandon to follow up with Gary Rowland.

7. Present and future bookings.

- Kurling club (Tuesdays @ 10:00-12:00) has restarted successfully.
- Weight Watchers (Thursdays @ 09:30-11:30) has restarted successfully.
- Zumba will not be returning indefinitely
- Wednesday Market not returning indefinitely.
- Wedding Booking 19th December 2020 waiting to here if new restrictions have changed plans.

8. Repositioning of the large picture in the Council Chamber.

Cllr O' Mard would like to bring the large Sir Kerrison picture with charger from the Council Chamber to the main hall. Agreed for volunteers to move the picture on the 30th September.

9. Renewal of term maintenance contracts

Options for renewal outlined by Cllr Berry as presented in the background paper.

Cllr Evitt felt that the knowledge that the individuals have of the building and the professional way the current contractors fulfil their responsibilities as been exemplary.

Cllr Brandon agreed that the current contractors should be given first refusal if they offer best value.

Propose that Cllr Berry progresses discussions with the current contractors, if they wished to continue to offer services and rates submitted were confirmed as competitive through a benchmarking exercise using Castons Chartered Quantity Surveyor's.

Proposed by Cllr O'Mard seconded by Cllr Evitt all in favour.

10. Options for treatment of water penetration below high-level brick cornice

Initial inspection has taken place and remedial work has taken place to make good for the interim. Painting is required which can be achieved with the current contractors for £400.00

Following the finishing above the options are to leave while this interim treatment holds until a more permanent repair is needed. Then complete one of the two :-

1. When the temporary repair is breached or is looking like it will be, inspect damage. First to lay some cement and sand screed to falls on the cornice and apply waterproof paint to the surface. This could be done just to one end where we know there is a

problem or to both ends as a longer-term solution. Each end will need separate scaffolding and PD will get prices. The screed could be overlaid by a lead flashing dressed and pointed into the wall above to enhance the life of the screed and covering the join between it and the wall. PDL can do this themselves. Costs estimated at £3900 each end

2. The more comprehensive and long-lasting solution is to cover the whole cornice in lead properly jointed, dressed into the brickwork and lipped over the edge. This was suggested in the report by Hucklesby Architects. There are some examples of this on Phase 1. For this PD advised that he would need to employ the leadwork specialist as it is beyond his capabilities and the cost is likely to increase substantially.

PDL has been chasing leadwork specialist but has not had a reply. My estimate would be about £15,000 but we need to await the lead worker specialist's review. I would think this would need a site visit and this may be the cause of the delay.

Committee agreed to leave the interim repair until a more permanent fix is required. Then to proceed with the first option as suggested. Ring fence existing reserves against the balance of funds from the refurbishment of the Town Hall for the sum of £8400.00 until need. Leaving £8820.00 as uncommitted reserves against this balance.

Proposed by Cllr O'Mard seconded by Cllr Brandon All in favour.

11. Any other business.

Reports have been received from the Kurling group that the doors beneath the stage are sticking persistently. Work needed to correct these. Cllr Berry suggested that these are inspected, and a repair made if possible, on the 30th September when the portrait is moved.

12. Date of the next meeting at 7:00 pm Thursday 22nd October 2020

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm.