

**MINUTES OF TREFFGARNE HALL COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

**PRESENT:** Lynne Jones (half of meeting), Pat Griffiths, Kevin Lowther, Kath Nur, Pat Carey, Robin Jones, Paul Robinson, Ian Fudge

**In attendance:** Heath Coomb and Kevin Sales (PCC)

**Apologies:** Ann Carey and Roy Lewis

**Matters Arising:**

**Valuation:** Ian will speak to Paul Lucas to undertake a survey and will write to the Diocesan to enquire if they are happy for Paul Lucas to go ahead.

**State of the Hall**

Robin has recently checked, no undue deterioration. Pianos are still in situ, Ian offered to remove them and Kevin will make enquiries re Pembrokeshire County Council collecting them.

**Feasibility Study**

Pat spoke to Susan Hewitt, informed her the Holden's from Pembroke undertook the study for Spittal. Planed paid for Ambleston's study. Robin asked why we need to do a study. Heath Coomb suggested raising £2,500 to have plans drawn up and then to put an application to PCC.

An engineer from the council could give a structural report. The Planning department would then given an indication if the current site is appropriate. It was suggested that we ask Stuart Longhurst for advice, however he may need a site plan.

The land between the hall and the church needs to be searched as to the ownership. Ian to check land registry.

Heath Coomb offered to do a sketch plan with a brief design.

Further discussions took place amongst those present around the sustainability of the hall and the running costs. Grants may be available i.e. an environmental grant if the building is going to be "green".

Heath and Kevin advised us to get letters of support, as these would help funding applications. To involve as many groups as possible to strengthen the case for a hall in Treffgarne.

Robin reiterated what was presented in the report re the village centre, however it was suggested that using the hall for a wide range of activities would further strengthen the proposals.

The possibility of upgrading the existing building was discussed and also of a self build for a new hall. Other issues in relation to the hall centered around the possibility of recycling and alternative avenues to explore in relation to funding.

Advised to look to funding from different angles i.e obtain small amounts for smaller projects, i.e Regeneration Department.

However, Heath and Kevin reiterated the importance of proving a need for the hall and that it will be sustainable.

Needs to be a robust business plan. "In kind contribution" – letters in advance. Funding would be held and released when ready.

### **The next step:**

Consult with user groups.

To have an outline plan drawn up

Think about grant applications.

Request structural survey via an engineer.

Request building quotations i.e. Travis and Perkins, ask for Trade Price.

Arrange to meet with Stuart after Heath has prepared survey, approximately 3 weeks, then will meet with Robin.

### **Any other business**

Look at new electricity provider to lower running costs of the hall. Rooks/crows in nearby trees are causing a mess. Kevin contacted W.A.G. Nature Conservation Branch. Informed that licenses are available to cull these birds but to ensure that other means of dispersal have been tried beforehand. Demonstration of "other means" needs to be identifiable.

Kevin gave an account of the Firearms Act 1981, in line with regulations.

Paul, on behalf of the group, thanked Ann Carey for clearing the weeds from around the site of the hall.

VAT, new build except, self build even better.

Paul thanked Kevin and Heath for attending.

Next meeting, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm at Pat Griffiths' home.