



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held

Thursday 9th March

Present Councillors: **A. Copeland (Chair), D. Andrews, C. McCartan**

Apologies were received from Councillors: **No apologies received.**

Absent: **A. Scott**

No public were in attendance

The meeting started at 1.30pm

FA/2023/18 To receive and approve reasons for absence.

Resolved:- There are no apologies or reasons to the receive.

FA/2023/19 To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.

Resolved:- No declarations of interest were received.

FA/2023/20 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held **Thursday 19th January 2023** be approved and file copy was signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

FA/2023/21 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed.

Resolved:- No items are excluded.

FA/2023/22 Public Participation Session

No questions were received from members of the public.

FA/2023/23 To discuss using the access for cars using the car park through to the main shopping street from the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall carpark.

It was discussed moving the gate from the back to the side of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall. This would support with the footfall through to the main shopping area and is a timely move before the works with Thurcroft Library begin.



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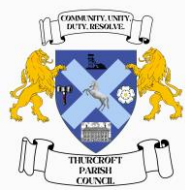
Councillors would like to trial the gate being open in the beginning but if antisocial behaviour persists then this would need to be reviewed and closed earlier, particularly in Autumn and Winter when the night.

Resolved:- To receive a quote from contractor that erected the fence for moving the gate to the side of the carpark and to inform the Caretaker of the opening requirements agreed by councillors.

FA/2023/24 To discuss the renewal project for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall and outline the plan and to outsource the writing of tendering requirements before publishing the place to Contract Finder due to the proposed high value cost of the overall project.

Councillors took the opportunity to walk the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall to discuss principal ideas that they would like to include for a tender. The proposals are outlined below.

- External Entrance to be tarmacked and remove the separate tile pedestrian area.
- Main WC located at the front entrance to be stripped back to the floorplan and replace current rooms to allocate a greater space for a disability toilet with baby changing facilities. Councillors are also open to having single toilets, but concerns were raised whether we would change to unisex single toilets.
- The smaller room (changing facility) – To move baby changing into the new main WC area and provide an external door for football teams to use but restrict access to the main building. The Clerk raised that external access would need to be given thought and cleaning access from the inside.
- Main Hall – To replace the internal doors with a fresher pine look. Reassess the need for the amount of radiators in the hall and whether a better solution is available – such as AC/Heating. To remove dials to the electric cupboard. Reduce the height of the ceiling by 2ft. Change to blinds instead of curtains. Incorporate a glass frontage to help support any events such as Christmas where we may use the outdoors and indoors for events. Replace lighting for modern fixtures and have a Kitchen sign with a new shutter to make a feature of this area. Implement a Thurcroft history wall in the main hall. Potential for a new vinyl flooring.
- Bar area – Wallpaper updating, remove curtains and to review the lighting.



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- Bar WC – To remove internal door that isn't needed and reconfigure where the hand dryer and sink is and general up to date decoration.
- Council Chamber – Internal Roof repairs, replace broken window, change to blinds. Remove the toilets to extend the room. Extend forwards to provide provision of an accessible public office and storage for employees completing environmental works. Provide alarm deactivation on the Chamber side.

Councillors would like to look at other halls for a comparison on what they offer. It was suggested to look at Kiveton, Brinsworth, Laughton and Firbeck.

Resolved:- To locate an external contractor to write a tender for the building based on councillors feedback and for the Clerk to set up a day of visiting other similar halls for design ideas.

FA/2023/25 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

No items were raised.

FA/2023/26 To set the date of the next Facilities Committee meeting.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Thursday 18th May 2023** at 11.00am in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 2:30pm.