

## **Adderley Village Hall Rebuild Group**

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Apologies: Carol Gadd, Jon Day, Iain Wilson, Ann Shepherd, Neil Humphries, Wendy Icke

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and agreed.

Louise Dowley opened the meeting. Marius Coulon brought her up to date with progress so far and with the thinking behind the plans. It was stressed that the Village Hall was for the use of the villagers and it was not intended to run it as a commercial enterprise serving the surrounding area. We should attempt to engage more with known users of the hall and should perhaps put forward more definite plans to gain more interest amongst villagers who do not currently use the Hall.

Chris Coleman reported that he had attended the course and found it very useful. It was important that we apply for funding from several sources as Trusts typically grant maximum of £4,000 and the success rate is about 10%. The support of the villagers and groups within the village is very important as it helps our credibility with the larger funding organisations. It is possible we could have to submit 250 applications. As it typically takes two hours to construct a bid we could only ever hope to achieve 1 large bid and up to 10 smaller bids per month. Chris will contact the Professional who helped Audlem to get their Lottery Funding. We might use a professional for the Big Lottery bid but would hope to do the rest ourselves. Applications to some of the smaller Trusts are not too detailed – they only give small grants and like to know where else money is coming from. The Finance sub group need to get together to construct bids – Chris suggested Wednesday during the day was good for him and he would contact the others to arrange a meeting.

Marius reported that he had made no progress with Refurb1. He had spoken informally to Planning and there appear to be no problems especially as a modern building would have better sound insulation than the existing.

Ben Wrathall reported that the Social Committee had been busy and a number of events were planned and they had ideas for more. He said they were anxious to include all sections of the community. Whilst the events themselves do not make large profits it all adds up and it is important that in our bids for funding we can show that the Hall is widely used. Marius said we must be careful to comply with Health and Safety Regulations and should carry out a proper Risk Assessment.

Ben and Phil Gadd have been working on a logo for the village. Ben also suggested that in the same way that Audlem use the acronym ASET for Audlem Special Events Team we could use ACE – Adderley Community Events. We should look at buying or making a Totaliser so that everyone can see our progress.

Ben felt we should look to use the outside space more for children's sports. Jane Rushton offered to find out about suitable equipment. Twelve people had attended the first Table Tennis Session which was an encouraging start.

Some of the committee with IT experience will be asked to look into web based fund raising.

Lois McDermott said she had altered the Fund Raising Letter but that it is probably not yet the right time to send it out. She thought we might contact influential people who have links with the village to see if they might be interested in being our Patron. The Centenary of the Village Hall is in 2021 – it would be a great PR boost if we could aim to get the project completed by then.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8 pm