

Minutes of Hall Committee 13th March @3pm at the Drop-in.

Present: Cllr B Lloyd ,Cllr B Price, Cllr B Sehmi, Cllr R Thornton & RFO W Mann & Hall Manager K Bolger.

1 Election of Chair:

The meeting elected Cllr B Price as chair and Cllr B Sehmi as vice chair

2 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr N Walsh & Cllr S Williams

3 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr B Price – item 4.2 -it was agreed to move item 4.2 to the end of the meeting

4 Hall Management 2024.

4.1 Review hall hiring rates.

The meeting agreed to recommend to council that the option to tax relating to VAT on hire fees etc is rescinded. This will mean that all future fees will not include VAT. The meeting also agreed to recommend to council that the current hall charges for the 2024 -2025 financial year remain unchanged but that the next meeting of the committee should set a date for a considered review to be effective from April 2025.

It was also agreed with regard to use of the “key-safe” the terms and conditions of hire should include the “clause” recommended by council insurers regarding users responsibilities for damage to the hall if not securely locked by the users.

4.3 Addressing the issue of Bowling Equipment occupying the City Hall Chair Store

The meeting agreed that the Hall Manager should ask the Bowls Group to place the bowling mats at the back of the hall and that the group’s “locker” be moved to be adjacent to a space adjacent to the toilets.

4.2 Reassessing the Drop-In Centre venue for the Parent and Toddler Group

(Councillor Price left the meeting at this point)

The meeting decided that in fairness to all users it would recommend to council that there should be no exceptions regarding fees and charges – however sympathetic the committee might feel.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that as issues arising were noted that these would be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting to be advised. Meeting closed at 4pm
