

Shavington-cum-Gresty Council
Village Hall Committee meeting
Main Road,
Shavington, Crewe
CW2 5DP



MINUTES of the meeting held on
Wednesday 31 January 2024

In attendance: Cllrs K Gibbs, Hancock, McIntyre, S Jones

Ms Adams, Ms Clarke, Cllr B Gibbs

ScG VH/23/3/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence
	Apologies were received from Cllr Cruickshank
ScG VH/23/2/2	To note declarations of Members' interests
	Cllr Hancock raised a personal interest in items 9 and 12, as she is part of the Shavington Village Festival committee.
ScG VH/23/2/3	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2023
	RESOLVED: that the minutes are approved and signed as an accurate record.
ScG VH/23/3/4	<i>Public Participation</i> <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
	No comment was raised.
ScG VH/23/3/5	To receive and consider an update regarding the Village Hall occupancy rate
	Councillors NOTED the report.

ScG VH/23/3/6	To receive and consider the YTD financial position of the Village Hall Committee
	<p>The Clerk informed Members about the Committee's financial status.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the following cost codes might exceed the allocated budget for the year due to an increase in the cost of services (34 – Cleaning Service; 36 – Power Supply), but the overall position of the Committee is solid.</p> <p>Members NOTED the financial position of the Committee.</p>
ScG VH/23/3/7	To receive and consider a proposal for granting community use of the hall as part of Shavington-cum-Gresty Well-Being Wednesdays (pending successful funding)
	<p>The Clerk briefed Councillors on the project proposal, which has been slightly amended since the publication of the agenda. The amendment reduces the evening events to one per month to be held in the hall.</p> <p>Councillors NOTED the update.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Committee agreed in principle to the free use of the Village Hall for Well-Being Wednesdays in Shavington-cum-Gresty, pending approval of funds from the funding authority. The Committee reserves the right to review this position if requests for meetings in an accessible room arise in time.</p>
ScG VH/23/3/8	To receive and consider a proposal to apply to the Improved, Greener, Communities Fund led by Cheshire East Council for the refurbishment of the Village Hall Kitchen
	<p>Councillors NOTED the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Clerk is delegated, in principle, to apply for funding for a project up to £5,000 (+VAT), subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. that a recommendation is made to Full Council to consider the project proposal. b. that a recommendation is made to Full council to consider allocating the needed 25% match-fund from reserves if the submission is successful. c. that the Clerk and the Chair of the committee are delegated to look at the detailed plan for the kitchen
ScG VH/23/3/9	To receive and consider a request from Shavington Village Festival Committee, for the use of the Hall on 29th June 2024
	Councillors NOTED the report.

	<p>Cllr Hancock abstained from the vote.</p> <p>RESOLVED: the request made from Shavington Village Festival Committee is accepted, subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That any activity inside the hall will be completed by 8:45AM
ScG VH/23/3/10	To receive and consider a proposal outlining enhancements for the main hall
	<p>Councillors NOTED the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A request is made to the Full Council to consider allocating any surplus from the Village Hall hiring income to be invested in enhancing projects for the hall.</p>
ScG VH/23/3/11	To receive and consider a proposal from our current Fire & Safety company supplier for the installation of smoke detectors and the replacement of the fire alarm control panel
	<p>Councillors NOTED the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The provided quote is approved, and the Clerk is instructed to proceed with addressing the nonconformance issues listed. Any payments are postponed to the next financial year when the budget is available.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Committee agrees that this job falls under s11.11 (ii) of the Council's Financial Regulations as a specialist service in the delivery of Fire Safety equipment.</p>
ScG VH/23/3/12	To receive and consider a report from the Clerk concerning the arrangements with Shavington Village Festival Committee for use to the Village Hall's shed
	<p>Councillors NOTED the report.¹</p> <p>RESOLVED: A recommendation is made to the full council to reconsider its position and willingness to support the Festival Committee with the provision of free storage. Additionally, the council should consider whether to delegate the Clerk to re-draft the agreement with the help of a professional solicitor</p>

Meeting Closed at 19:36 hrs

¹ Cllr Hancock left the meeting at 19:28hrs before item 12 was discussed

Chair: Cllr McIntyre

Clerk: S Garnero

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