

Notes from the Public Halls Users Meeting

Monday 5th August 2019 – 7.00pm

Rose Room, Festival Hall

Present: Cllr G Watkinson (Chairman)
Cllr P Clist (Petersfield Town Council)
Cllr S Dewey (Petersfield Town Council)
Cllr P Shaw (Petersfield Town Council)
Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk- Petersfield Town Council)
Mr J Tucker (Halls Manager- Petersfield Town Council)
Mr P Greinke (Halls Supervisor)
Mrs S Fisher (Committees Administrator)

Representatives of: Steve Bartholomew (Petersfield Orchestra)
Dave Joyce (Winton Players)
Bev Errey (Petersfield In-Between Club)
Cllr B Bentley (District Council)

Apologies: Cllr J Lees (Petersfield Town Council)
Belinda Dewey (Jigsaw Montessori Nursery)
Nicki Lahiri (Meon Valley Travel)
Caroline Penman (Penman Antiques)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss any issues and not to address any future plans regarding the Festival Hall, as a decision regarding the proposed re-development will be taken in the autumn.

Previous minutes were received and accepted.

SB (Petersfield Orchestra) said that the orchestra was pleased to be able to use the Avenue Pavilion for rehearsals despite the ongoing issues and problems with youngsters, he thanked the Halls staff for their help. He is delighted that the Town Council are taking steps to improve security with the installation of CCTV and the plans to enclose the porch area of the building. The blinds also help as they act as a screen.

It was reported that the installation of CCTV has had an immediate impact on groups hanging around at the Avenue Pavilion and the Town Clerk advised that Re-Format architects are putting together plans to enclose the porch area, planning permission is not required as the work can be done under permitted development.

Halls Manager advised that he has already obtained one quote for the acoustics work at the Avenue Pavilion and he hopes to get a further 2 to bring to the September Public Halls committee meeting for consideration. It is hoped that the work will help to deaden the echo in the Pavilion.

BE (Petersfield In-Between Club) expressed gratitude for the help and support from the Halls Manager and his team, she reported that in terms of anti-social behavior the summer term was the best one and that this was due to the police and the Halls team being so responsive and helpful.

BE requested approximately 50 replacement pegs for September in the back room as the existing ones are no longer usable.

BE reported that one off hirers of the Pavilion do not always put away tables and chairs and she asked that a sign be put up asking users to put the blinds up after use.

The Halls Manager reported that the flooring at the Pavilion will be scrubbed before the autumn term and that leaving the blinds down can help to keep the building cool in warmer weather.

BE raised a concern regarding the condition of some of the kitchen units, especially the ones by the hatch, which are starting to look a little tired. The In-Between Club is due to be inspected by Environmental Health soon and this is something which could be picked up on as a hygiene issue.

The Town Clerk advised that there may be some funds available in the budget to cover the cost of refitting the cupboards.

SB mentioned that the chairs for orchestra seating in the Festival Hall are in a sorry state and asked whether the Town Council would consider replacing them, despite the refurbishment proposals.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and for their comments.

The meeting came to a close at 7.20 pm.