



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Old Landscore School Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March 2020, at 1.00 pm, at Old Landscore School, Crediton.

Present: Cllrs Mr J Ross, Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris

In Attendance: Mrs Lisa Blake, Special Projects Officer

Absent: Cllr Mr P Vincent

23. To receive and accept apologies

None received.

24. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority, that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

25. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

26. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

27. Committee Meeting Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Old Landscore School Committee meeting held on 17th September 2019. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Old Landscore School Committee meeting held on 17th September 2019 as a correct record (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

28. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

29. To receive an update from the meeting with David Bowles at Devon County Council (DCC), regarding the longer-term future of the Old Landscore Building.

The Special Projects Officer (SPO) advised that should the Town Council wish to proceed with either a purchase or long-term lease of Old Landscore School a report would need to be submitted to DCC. This should contain information on the current users of the building and the benefits to the community that the acquisition of the building would have. This information would then be reviewed by a panel to determine a discount to the cost of the purchase or long-term lease, based on meeting the needs of a wide range of members of the community and the available groups. It was **resolved** for the SPO to create a draft report and send to DCC. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

The SPO advised that she had met with R J Brooks to obtain a ball-park figure for the extension of the rear office at the site to accommodate the Council office. A figure of approximately £20,000 had been quoted although the specification had yet to be received. It was **resolved** that the SPO should obtain two further quotations for the extension work once the specification has been received and agreed by the Committee. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

The extension would require planning permission and it would be advisable to make an application to see if this would be acceptable before taking further action with Devon County Council. Cllr Letch agreed to obtain further information about the planning application, along with the possibility of removing the wall at the front of the property to create onsite parking.

30. To receive an update on the Old Landscore Building, Community Groups/Organisations usage and agree any actions.

The Special Projects Officer advised that the uptake on the usage of the building had been increasing. The list of current building users included:

- The Town Team
- Citizens Advice
- Significant Seams
- Sustainable Crediton
- U3A
- CHAT
- CISCO
- DCC Public Health Team
- Devon Carers

Crediton Arts Centre would like to use the building for the “Artists Town Trail” exhibition showcasing local works to the town in the form of an exhibition at OLS along with displays at local businesses within the town. For the exhibition to be as successful as possible, the Arts Centre is prepared to organise a working party to paint the coloured boards and tidy them up. It has asked for £90 to cover the cost of the paint to do this. It was **resolved** to cover the cost of materials up to £90 for the Crediton Arts Centre to paint the coloured boards white. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

The SPO advised there had also been interest from youth groups for the provision of activities for children within the school holidays.

31. To receive an update on the Feasibility Report for the Old Landscore Building and agree any actions.

The SPO advised that Dawn Eckhart was no longer with DCT but, was now working independently and would still be willing to conduct a feasibility study for the Council. Given that Dawn has worked with the Town Council, and local community groups and organisations, before she has first-hand knowledge and experience with the requirements and the options available within the town. It was **resolved** to instruct Dawn Eckhart to commence on a Feasibility Study for Old Landscore School. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

32. To consider the quotation for the fire door replacement/remedial work and agree any actions.

A copy of the quotation had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation of £467.25 + VAT for the installation of a new fire door, in the toilet area at Old Landscore School. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

33. Close

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....