

Social and Cultural Working Group

Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Present

Neil Holley, Martin Ashford, Anne Jackson, Gwyn Jackson, Mike Davies, Karan Lane.

Lobby from hall into Café 50

PCC has previously discussed putting a lobby into café 50 in order to create two meeting rooms. We had not progressed this because of cost.

It is suggested that Social Services may be able to help with cost although the group noted that PCC has unmarked reserves that could be used

Discussion

The working group recognised the advantage to the kitchen staff of being able to eat in the small room whilst activities continue in the big room

However it was noted that:

1. It may not be possible to run two groups if one group is very noisy.
2. Some groups use both areas and therefore it would need to be possible to open the folding doors in order that this is possible

Recommendation

The working group recommend to the PCC to ask that the floor area is marked out with tape in order that we can envisage the size of the lobby and the impact on both parts of the room before a decision to progress is made by the PCC.

Neighbourhood Networks

The working group noted that there are six neighbourhood networks being developed across RCT and that we had discussed these a couple of years ago as community hubs, but that progress had not been made in the south west as focus had been placed on developing neighbourhood hubs in Aberdare and Pontypridd.

Discussion

The working group discussed that councillors had not been invited to the neighbourhood network meetings and the reason for this was questioned. It was felt that the Clerk should write to Lyn Williams and Wendy Edwards asking why councillors had not been involved in the first meetings and asking one of them to attend the next PCC meeting to talk about how it is

envisaged that the neighbourhood network will work across the large area that includes Tonyrefail and Gilfach Goch as well as Llanharan and Pontyclun.

Recommendation

It was agreed that as this could not be referred to the PCC

1. Margaret should attend the needs assessment meeting on Wednesday 1st December

It is recommended that Pontyclun Community Council asks

1. Tara to send minutes of the meetings of the neighbourhood network meetings to all councillors
2. Julius to write to Lyn Williams and Wendy Edwards asking why community councillors had not been involved and asking one of them to attend the next PCC meeting to discuss the concept and operationalisation

Christmas event 4th December

Martin brought it to the attention of the working group that he had agreed to be a roaming Father Christmas for the Christmas event. The decision had been made partly because it was felt that with Covid it was not sensible to have an unventilated grotto.

Martin received an email from Julius, to say that he was not needed as Julius had been approached by a private individual who wanted to provide a Father Christmas and Grotto for a minimal charge.

Neil as chair was asked to ask Julius whether the Santa had a DBS check and what was being provide for the minimal charge.