Cowfold Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018 in the Village Hall

PRESENT:

Mr J Palling (Chairman) Mrs M Cutbush Mr J Hooper Mr T Clary Mr J Hooper Mr S Clark Mrs S Parsons Mrs R Detnon Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

Dr N Williams Representatives from Cowfold Football Club: 4 Members of the Public: 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Parsons declared a personal interest in Item 4 of the Agenda.

3. THE ALLMOND CENTRE HIRE RATES

Dr Williams presented the document he had produced proposing hire rates based on similar facilities in the area and historic data of the charges made for the old Pavilion as a basis for discussion.

4. COWFOLD FOOTBALL CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from David Precious on behalf of Cowfold Football Club stating the rates they were willing to pay to use the new facility to include an extra hour on match days to run a bar for club members and visiting teams only.

A considerable amount of discussion took place and included a period of time when the football club representatives left the meeting to discuss the matter further.

It was finally agreed that for residents the Community Room would be charged at \pounds 8.00 per hour and non-residents \pounds 15.00 per hour to include the use of the kitchen for making teas and coffees. The use of the hobs, ovens and microwave would attract an additional one off cost per booking of \pounds 5.00. With regard to the changing room facilities it was agreed that the rate for residents would be £10.00 per hour and for non-residents £20.00 per hour. However, it was also agreed that for block bookings of the changing room it may be possible to discount the rate, the basis of which was still to be agreed.

As it was so close to the end of the football season it was agreed that the Football Club be granted a discount on the changing room facility only but would be required to pay full price for the use of the Community Room. These charges would be reviewed before the start of the next season.

It was also agreed that the Football Club would not be at liberty to book an hour after every match to sell alcohol but would be permitted to book the Community Room, paying the full hourly rate for the facility, provided they had obtained a licence to do so and that a booking had not been made for an evening event. This would need to be checked on the morning of match days.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.