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Minutes of the Meeting of St Ive Parish Council Finance and Administration Committee held at Millennium House, Pensilva on Tuesday 28th November 2014 commencing 7.30pm

Chairman: Cllr. A Neal

Councillors: P.Dipper, M.Corney, A.Moss, H Frith

Members of the Public: Mr. R.Bennison, Mrs. R.Hicks and Mr.J.Biccarregui

Officers: None

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

48. Apologies – Cllrs J. Kendrick-Crawshaw and C.Wadge

49. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr Corney declared an interest in the Youth Proposal for the Coffee Shop.

50. To receive questions or statements from members of the public

J.Biccarregui reported that the Millennium House Forum had completed its deliberations and was ready to present its proposals on the future operation of Millennium House. However in view of the fact that the use of the Coffee Shop was on the Agenda for discussion at this meeting he wished to give the Forum's views on that issue.

He stated that the café should remain open and not be made into a youth facility. The Youth should have access to all of Millennium House and be able to make use of the Sports Hall and the pool table etc. At the Forum meeting the previous week attended by about fifty people it was agreed that the café would work but that it was not right at present.

Cllr Neal what was meant by the statement that 'the café is not right'. J.Biccarreggui suggested that it did not cater for needs. It was not open after football matches with the players being crammed into the bar. He thought perhaps the Function Room could be opened at this time.

Clltr Neal asked what had become of the coffee morning. Mrs. Hicks responded that it now ran on Thursday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 with an attendance of twelve to sixteen people. She did question whether other similar community groups such as 'knitting and natter' still existed. Cllr Dipper responded that this particular group had met that day.

J.Biccarregui confirmed that the Forum would not itself wish to run the coffee shop. Cllr Corney summarised the situation with regard to the three proposals for the coffee shop:

Youth Project in partnership with Merryhue Farm to run a youth and community facility Business proposal from Angie Haimes to take over the operation.

Business from ? and ? Chicks to take over the operation but to include all catering facilities

It was agreed that the Millennium House Forum would make an official presentation of its proposals to the Parish Council on the evening of 5th. December 2014.

51. Minutes of the previous meeting

Item 41 - Cllr Dipper sought to amend this item which stated that he had resigned with immediate effect. He said that he had been very angry at the intention to selectively discount all votes cast by Cllr Kendrick Crawshaw since his election, particularly to overturn a decision of the Parish Council on 8th. September 2014. Consequently he felt unable to continue with the meeting and announced that he was resigning and that his letter of resignation would be with the clerk in the morning. Cllrs Neal and Bennison assured Cllr Dipper that he had said he was resigning with immediate effect. Cllr Benison said he had asked the Millennium House receptionist what had been said to her as Cllr Dipper left the building and she thought he had resigned.

It was agreed to sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Dipper did point out that following his departure the meeting was inquorate.

52. Matters Arising from the Minutes

It was agreed to refer item 41 and Cllr Kendrick Crawshaw's Declaration of Office to the next meeting of the Parish Council. Advice to be sought.

53. Business

53.1 Proposals for use the Coffee Shop

It was to defer further discussion on the three options until after the presentation by the Millennium House Forum to the Parish Council.

53.2 Parish Council Reserves

It was noted that reserves would be seriously depleted by the end of the financial year and that serious action was required

53.3 Precept 2015/16

It was agreed that it was necessary to formulate a budget before it was possible to set the precept. The Millennium House Forum proposals might also have implications for the budget so it was difficult to make final decisions. Cllrs therefore agreed to hold an extra meeting on 16th. December 2014, in order to agree a budget and set the precept.

54. Monthly Financial Reports

The various reports were considered and it was noted that the bar and catering were still performing below budget.

Payments were now being made for the solar panels but the return from the Feed-in Tariff was yet to show in the accounts.

55. Date of next meeting – 23rd December 2014

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 p	m
Signed:(The Chairman - Cllr. A Neal)	
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