



**Tattenhall & District Parish Council
Informal Meeting – Community Room
8th September 2022 via Teams.**

PRESENT

Ann Wright (Clerk).

CW&C - David Grainger, Janine Smart.

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss current status of the Community Room.

CW&C Officers requested an update on the Community Use Agreement and expressed their desire for the agreement to be taken forward.

The Clerk highlighted that a number of issues had come forward which has led to the view that the project was not workable in its current form.

It was noted there was an issue with accessing the room due to the way the whole building was alarmed and as such a keyholder would be required to access the room through the school's main entrance and let the users in via the community room door.

It was highlighted that more of an issue was that the kitchen would not be useable due to the food preparation for the before and after school clubs and that the working group had been advised that none of the furniture would be available either as that belonged to the school.

It was noted that the plan showing the Community Room (which showed that only the half of the room nearest the access was the Community Room) had not been seen by the working group who had always thought the whole room was for Community use.

It was discussed that both the Parish Council and School would need to make compromises for the Community Room to move forward.

It was noted that the Room did need to be financially self sufficient and there was some concern that the cost of keyholders and cleaners would make that impossible, noting a price had not been established for cleaning the room.

It was highlighted that it had not been possible to establish members for the management committee, particularly on the school's side.

It was suggested that the school should be allowed to run the room allowing community use noting it is currently being used by the local toddler group which the Parish Council welcomes, and that once a year they produce a short report confirming that community use has been advertised and the amount of community use which has happened.

On another matter the Clerk reported that the Parish Council is looking to develop a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in Tattenhall and there has been some discussion with the school about using part of the playing field. It was noted that this would be a difficult process as it would require Sport England approval along with other permissions.

Next Steps

CW&C officers will discuss the Community Room with the School with the aim of bringing a proposal back to the Parish Council for consideration at their January meeting.

Ann Wright
11th November 2022