

Notes / Minutes of 1st meeting of working group Village Hall Sunday 13th Dec 2015

Present - Steve Whiting, David Aird, Scott & Christine Fotheringham, Alan Reid, Gordon Smith, Alison & Brian Harrison, Cath Todd, Ced Wilkins, Lawrence Bec, John Armstrong, Tim Corcoran, Kate Armstrong, Margaret Ponton.

Steve Whiting opened meeting outlining group objectives as indicated by GCC and public meeting. The group will not at this stage be constituted.

- 1 Appointment of Chair and Secretary - Chairman Steve Whiting proposed by Tim Corcoran and seconded by Gordon Smith, Secretary Kate Armstrong, proposed by Tim C and seconded by Margaret Ponton.
- 2 Apologies Alex J, Bill M, Suzette C, Steve M
- 3 Current situation update - A planning application for change of use & convert to 12 flats was submitted to P&KC on 4th Dec but was knocked back and currently classified as "invalid" whilst P&KC request more information.
- 4 Two selling agents of licensed premises have refused to handle sale at requested over £600k.
- 5 Financial records for Arngask Hotels Ltd and other relevant companies have been obtained via Company House. Qualified accountant help/explanations have been sought. No further action at this stage.
- 6 It was recorded that the hotel furniture and fittings/equipment are currently being removed from the hotel.
- 7 It was the unanimous belief of the group that the owner has no, or has no longer, intention to sell the hotel as a going concern.

- 8 GCC, on receipt of planning application notification, will pursue all aspects of objections and will provide information to the whole community for individuals to register personal or group objections.
- 9 Personal communications have already been sent by members of the working group to P&KC Councillors, MSPs and MP requesting support and possible meetings.
- 10 Future Plans - Whilst all agreed that the ideal situation was the hotel remains as a hotel, it was agreed that a back up plan should be prepared. A lengthy discussion examined requirements, possible locations, new build, conversion of/addition to existing, funding. From this discussion it was agreed that Tim Corcoran, Cath Todd and Margaret Ponton informally approach possible site owners.
- 11 New Build - possible locations were mentioned but would require dedicated research and design.
- 12 Funding - application for funds when initial plans drawn up.
- 13 Kate Armstrong to apply for micro grant to provide funds for expenses incurred by group e.g. hall rental, printing costs. Full recording of all expenses will be made and authorised.
- 14 Interim "pub" - options to be explored but in light of upcoming Christmas and New Year festivities any arrangements will be informally arranged by private individuals.
- 15 Date of next meeting - TBA