

# Haslington Parish Council

## Minutes of Gutterscroft Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Gutterscroft Centre

**Attendance:** Cllr Janet Griffith (Chair), Cllr Mike Blakeman, Cllr Stephen Welch

**Apologies:** Cllr Howard Blake                      **Not in attendance:** None

**Also in attendance:** Clerk Wayne Salisbury, Cllr Sam Green, Cllr Graham Sawyer                      **Public:** None

**Meeting started at 7:41 p.m.**

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Blake.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No interests declared.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**4. Public Participation**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**5. Financial Position of the Gutterscroft Centre**

Members reviewed the financial position of the Gutterscroft Centre for 2023-24.

**6. Hire**

The clerk updated members that the enquiry relating to a dog class had not progressed any further. It was also advised that another enquiry had been received from a holiday club, further information will be shared with the enquirer and members will be updated in due course.

Cllr Griffith raised concerns with issues relating to the floor repair of the store room which was planned to be completed during the Easter holiday. The clerk advised that the relevant hirer is aware of expectations to have the space clear by the start of the summer holidays. Members agreed that the repair to the floor will be completed on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

It was noted by members that hire contracts will be reviewed before July.

Cllr Griffith raised the ongoing issues with dogs on the playing field and stated that large groups of dog walkers are gathering at specific times. It was suggested that members visit the playing field and engage with dog owners who don't have dogs on leads.

The clerk agreed that they would publish posts to the Council website and Facebook page conveying dogs to be on leads and no dogs in the play area.

## **7. Maintenance**

Cllr Blakeman and Cllr Welch agreed that they would fit the heat alarms and would coordinate a suitable date.

The exterior lighting which was quoted in February and resolved at the March full council meeting has still not been completed despite several attempts to schedule it with the awarded contractor. Members agreed that if we can use a different contractor for this job it would be preferred.

It was noted that there may potentially be birds in the roof, it was agreed to request JD services to check. It was also raised that looking into gutter guards needs to be completed to stop blockages in the drain down pipes.

It was agreed that exploring options for a secondary redundancy key safe would be useful as well as investigating options for the hire of a bathroom sanitary bin and the supply of other hygiene consumables.

## **8. To consider other matters relating to the Gutterscroft Centre**

Members discussed the prospect of a new building and the next steps. It was agreed that a proposal would need to be presented to the Council soon to determine the route to proceed.

The clerk will seek other quotes from architects so that a comparison is available.

The clerk updated members that they had completed some research on funding and that generally smaller pots were available.

## **9. To consider the date of the next committee meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:30 pm.

**Meeting ended at 8:34 pm.**