

Hemyock Parish Council Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 24th September 2019

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Mr P Doble, Miss J Fouracre, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk)_</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activities Centre. Mr Doble has a personal interest as his wife works in the administration department of NuVision, one of the companies being considered as a supplier to the BHLAC.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre (BHLAC) - improvements to heating and reduction of running costs</u> The trustees of the BHLAC have worked hard in the recent past to bring in efficiencies to reduce the running costs of the centre. The replacement windows and doors have made a huge difference in terms of heat and comfort but there are still issues. The existing boiler/heating system is expensive to run (gas), ineffective (some rooms are cold) and the boiler is unreliable. The trustees and several councillors have been working together to research the market for alternative heating systems. They have considered various options and have proposed three for consideration.</p> <p>Two options use a traditional oil-based boiler system and are similar in price. The third option, from NuVision, is approx. £10,000 more expensive than the others. This system uses a boiler built to a new design and claims to use very little oil compared to a traditional system.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the system needs updating and that they need to consider value for money, efficiency and the environmental friendliness of any new system.</p> <p>Mr Clist suggested that the 2030 Climate Directive may have a subsequent impact on any decision made now. It was agreed that the system needs upgrading before 2030 and councillors can only make decisions based on the information available and legislation today.</p> <p>Councillors were keen to use the new system from NuVision but had concerns with regard to servicing and repairs. It was suggested that the pc may wish to employ an independent heating engineer to advise on alternative systems for the building. It was also suggested that the working group had researched the matter fully and time was of the essence and it was hoped that any new system would be installed and operational before Christmas. The pc could choose to underwrite the BHLAC's heating costs over the winter whilst independent advice is sought.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: the pc accepts the recommendation from NuVision subject to receiving acceptable testimonials and evidence from existing customers able to confirm savings on oil consumption, etc. Should this not be forthcoming, the pc will employ an independent expert for advice. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (9 in favour, 1 against). Mr Clist asked that it was minuted that he was grateful to the councillors who had researched the matter and obtained the quotations and advice but felt that the pc should seek independent advice and use a greener option.</p> <p><u>Photovoltaic Systems</u> These will be considered separately and quotations will be obtained.</p> <p><u>Loft Insulation</u> Whilst undertaking the surveys at the centre for the heating systems it was established that the loft is not fully insulated. It was therefore recommended that the pc obtain 3 quotations to insulate the loft at 300mm thickness and the window areas be insulated with celotex PIR or similar.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Date of next council meetings</u></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7.30pm Monday 30th September, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall - asset management• 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd October, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall - monthly council meeting.	
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Meeting ended 9.21pm

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