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Beckford Community Village Hall

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Background

In September 2011 at the AGM, the architect Keith Chandler recommended that we carry out a survey of all households. This would establish overall support for refurbishment, levels of support for various options, future use of village hall and a list of people willing to help with fundraising. These figures could then be used when applying for grants.

Using a template from Community First, three members of the Repairs sub-committee formulated the survey questions, printed them and arranged a team of volunteers to deliver the survey to every household in Beckford & Grafton. Further copies were given to ten groups. A newsletter went with each survey.

300 Surveys went out in mid November with a cut-off date of 12th December 2011. Collection points were the post box at the village hall, the village shop, members of the committee and the people who delivered the surveys.

In the time it took to produce the survey and get it returned, the Government unexpectedly reduced the feed in tariff for solar energy making it less profitable.

Evaluation

Eighty three surveys were returned from households, representing 174 people. Four surveys were returned from groups representing approximately 190 people. One letter was received.

76 Households were in support of refurbishment
1 was against.
6 were undecided.

Four groups, the WI, Gardening Club, Thai Chi and Simply Soup representing approximately 190 people all were in favour of refurbishment.

29 Households gave names and contact details, willing to help fundraise.

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**THE ROOF**

i) New roof with Insulation  
   High priority 49  
   Medium priority 10  
   Low priority 1

ii) New roof with insulation and Solar Panels  
    High priority 16  
    Medium priority 11  
    Low priority 19

**DRAINS**

i) Repair drains and deal with tree root damage  
   High priority 38  
   Medium priority 17  
   Low priority 4

ii) Repair drains, deal with tree root damage and introduce a rainwater collection system  
    High priority 13  
    Medium priority 13  
    Low priority 19

**EXTERIOR**

Repair and render exterior  
   High priority 16  
   Medium priority 18  
   Low priority 16
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REPLACE FLAT ROOF WITH A PITCH ROOF

High priority  8  
Medium priority  20  
Low priority  13

INSTALL SHOWERROOMS/CHANGING ROOMS

High priority  0  
Medium priority  7  
Low priority  27

INCREASE STORAGE SPACE

High priority  3  
Medium priority  10  
Low priority  26

REPAIR AND DECORATE INTERIOR

High priority  12  
Medium priority  16  
Low priority  18

REFURBISH TOILETS

High priority  9  
Medium priority  19  
Low priority  12

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OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLACEMENTS or REFURBISHMENT

Knock down and start again

Structural repairs are key.

Redesign kitchen.

Projector for films & sound system.

Working party to decorate inside. A cleaner that goes in more often.

Weatherproof notice board outside with lists of events, clubs, societies and contacts.

Working party to renovate and decorate on voluntary basis.

Insulate outside walls.

Flat roof with new rubber bonded material, better than felted roof, cheaper than pitched roof.
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Extend kitchen.

Quote for new build?

Needs deep thought for new hall in future.

Solar not economic.

Seek funding. Demolish. Rebuild on ground behind. Raise funds by selling some ground for housing development.

Listen to experts.

Solar panels long payback. How would water be used?

Long life flat roof materials available now. Insulate walls.

No mention of the subsidence condition, front left side of hall? Solar panels whilst seen to be ecofriendly are not considered to be economic. Especially the government’s decision to halve the payback! Toilets and heating are considered to be adequate.

Moves to planning a new hall that takes in the known and possible future users. All the above is Make Do & Mend. This needs deep thought not good money after bad.

COMMENTS

1) Public (?) using toilets when hall is in use
2) Cleanliness of hall after use
3) Strongly feel that major work on Village Hall be funded through precept on council tax plus grant aid, NOT by local fundraising.
4) Notice board outside for events
5) The letter said “Do not be sad about money spent on stage refurbishment, but look forward to a complete new building.”
6) Build on land behind, and then knock down old village hall.
7) How does the Social Club extension fit in with all this?
8) Spartan facilities
9) Very good facilities
10) Questionnaire should be addressed to younger members of the village. At 84 I do not partake in any of the functions. Etc etc.
11) Would support solar and rainwater harvesting if there were the funds available
NEW IDEAS FOR VILLAGE HALL USE

1) Archery
2) Model Plane/Helicopter club
3) Children’s activities but not uniformed clubs
4) Bible study
5) Badminton, short mat bowls, Yoga, Skittles
6) Pilates

IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING

Village supper – bring a plate of food and own glass.
Car boots, sponsorship from local businesses
Quiz/Karaoke
Gala/Social Evenings
Auction of Promises
Fun sports day to tie in with Olympics e.g. tug of war, sprints and relays
Lottery funds
Village lottery
Increase fees for booking hall/tennis club
Wine tasting evenings and involve Tesco/Morrisons with sponsorship.

NAMES GIVEN TO HELP WITH FUNDRAISING OR WILLING TO HELP

Thirty households provided contact details