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Property Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.57pm

Present:

Cllr Anderton (Chair)
Cllr Connell
Cllr Davidson (Ex-officio)
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Potts

Also in attendance:

Cllr Heap
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Mycock
Cllr Railton
Cllr Turnbull
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

PR1/02/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Rooke and Cllr Curley.

PR2/02/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

PR3/02/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Dowpitts Wood**

  The Clerk has been in contact with the Woodland Trust, and an officer will come out to visit in the Spring. There is still one large tree with Ash Dieback, which is due to be removed in early March.

- **Registration of Council properties with the Land Registry**

  The solicitor has been instructed to begin registering the Council properties. They already have some of the information on file and will need to visit Kendal archives to acquire other documents.

PR4/02/24 Chairman's Report

There is no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

Cllr Anderton mentioned that Nigel Altham had been out Sunday morning to unblock the Market Arcade toilets, which is a recurring issue. Clean Eden have been jetting the drains once a month, as part of their cleaning contract, but it is suspected that someone is deliberately blocking the toilets with paper. Cllr Potts suggested the flow rate of the cistern can be looked at, and Cllr Railton suggested using a one sheet toilet paper dispenser, which would make it more difficult for people to deliberately block them.

Cllr Potts also suggested a mobile jetter which can be more efficient than using a pressure washing system. The toilets are currently locked early evening, so the vandalism is not occurring at night.

PR5/02/24 Public Hall Update

The Clerk reported that there have been some issues with the heating in the Supper Room, but it is hoped these are now resolved, although the heating control panel may need renewing. The Main Hall boiler also had some issues, but these have been resolved. Cllr Anderton suggested that the Council investigate pricing a new boiler for the Supper Room, as the existing one is old. Cllr Potts agreed and

also suggested looking into options to make the hall more efficient, for example increasing the number of solar panels on the roof.

Guttering and downpipes have been replaced this month, however the major roof works will have to wait until next financial year.

There is work scheduled to be carried out in the hall over the coming month: upgrading the main hall lights to LEDs lights and replacing several rotten windows and a fire door.

PR6/02/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- The Clerk reported that Cllr Pape would like to add an agenda item about renaming the Public Hall.
- Cllr Mycock informed that the Christmas Lights were due to be taken down on Sunday.

PR7/02/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Property Committee will be on **Monday 11th March 2024** at **7.45pm**, or at the rising of the Finance Committee in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 21st February 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Anderton