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Property Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.34pm

Present:

Cllr Anderton (Chair)
Cllr Connell
Cllr Rooke
Cllr Kemp

Also in attendance:

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

PR1/09/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Curley and Cllr Davidson.

PR2/09/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Anderton declared a personal interest in Fair Hill, as her property borders the land.

PR3/09/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Plague Stone**

The Plague Stone has been moved from outside the Moot Hall to the foyer of St Lawrence's Church. It fits in very well and the Church are pleased to have it on display.

- **Foxe's Books of Martyrs**

Appleby Council now have custody of the books, which are being stored in lint free boxes, as recommended. Our insurers have asked in the event something happened to the books, would the Council be looking to replace the books or for financial compensation. The value of the books is mainly because of their provenance and connection to Appleby town (they were published in 1632 and although 1,600 copies were printed of this edition, it is thought they are 1 of only 2 still in the possession of their original owner). It was also suggested that we might like to get the books valued by a specialist. The Clerk will speak to Barry McKay in the first instance for guidance.

The books will be on display in the TIC Exhibition Room on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Heritage Open Weekend, with Barry McKay in attendance on Sunday to assist people viewing them, and to give a more detailed history.

PR4/09/24 Chairman's Report

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

PR5/09/24 Public Hall Update

Both the Public Hall and Moot Hall are due an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) inspection (this is required every 5 years). It is anticipated there may be a considerable amount of work required in the Public Hall as a consequence of this inspection.

No decision has been made regarding appointing a contractor for the roof work. At the meeting held in August, the Council reviewed the two quotes received and it was agreed that we should obtain a third quote. Despite contacting several recommended contractors, no one has come back with a quote, as they are too busy. Cllr Anderton commented that it was important to get the work started, as the weather is already changing, and no other work can be done in the hall until the roof is made watertight. Cllr Turnbull suggested a local builder, who has recently done work on her roof. It was agreed the Clerk would contact them and check the availability of the other two contractors.

PR6/09/24 Fair Hill Update

There has been an ongoing issue with water leaking from the bottom end of Fair Hill onto the main road. A W&F Highways officer has been out, as have United Utilities twice and neither were able to identify the problem. Additionally, no one has been able to locate where the stop tap is.

A contractor has been with a mini digger and identified that a stretch of the galvanised pipe was severely corroded. The issue has been resolved for now, however more investigation may be needed in future years as other galvanised pipes may need to be replaced further along the pipeline, but this will require permission from Highways.

PR7/09/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no reports or items for future agendas.

PR8/09/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Property Committee will be on **Monday 14th October 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 7.56pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th September 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