

Subject:	Corner House & War Memorial TC report March 2022
From:	Tim Crisp
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For information/discussion/decision/action [please delete as appropriate]

Existing charity:

Roy Scott was unanimously approved to continue as Chair of the existing charity. The charity is not earning enough to cover its annual running costs and required maintenance. To help remedy this, room rates are to be increased by at least 20%. Application to the Charity Commission for transfer the charities assets to the new CIO was made in early January and has recently been approved. It was agreed as a temporary measure to receive a Town Council filing cabinet at the back of the old kitchen area of the Corner House but re-purposing of rooms might mean it cannot stay there indefinitely. Designs for a Corner House logo are under consideration and the website is in the process of being redesigned. Room bookings will in future be made online via the Hallmaster booking system. Energy price rises will impact on the charity's finances. Sustainable Charlbury have confirmed that they will consider supporting costs of insulation, pending a building-wide approach to better energy efficiency. Cornerstone, book sales, the Art Room project, and the office of Health Care Information Network in the Corner House are doing well and providing a steady and reliable income from those rooms. The only remaining room fully available for rent in the Corner House is the Morris Room; small evening meetings can continue in the Anne Downer room.. Fibre broadband to the Memorial Hall is being explored. The charity has appointed a trustee of the new CIO to lead Health & Safety affairs including a H&S policy.

CIO:

Specific trustees will head particular responsibilities namely, Strategy, Publicity, users' affairs, Building Maintenance, Fundraising, Health & Safety - all to report to the full body of trustees. This is in addition to the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. A Barn dance fundraising event is being organised for June 4th around the weekend of the Queens Jubilee celebration. Strategy group are to meet and develop proposals for securing architectural advice about ways the Corner House could be made more sustainable and energy efficient, referring to building fabric surveys already done by the existing charity and SusCha. The Charity Commission has authorised the transfer of the assets from the existing charity to the CIO, subject to existing trustees resolving the transfer through a formal vesting declaration. The chairman has submitted a brief report to be published for the APM.

Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):

A request has been received from a member of the public to ensure that a clause is added to the constitution of the CIO to require Town consent regarding the sale of the land.

Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]

Communications: [do we need to communicate with residents and how will this be done if so]