

Subject:	Corner House & War Memorial TC report November 2022
From:	Tim Crisp
Date:	28/11/2022
<p>For information/discussion/decision/action [please delete as appropriate]</p> <p>Two trustees, Richard Fairhurst and Paul Jackson, have stood down and sadly a third trustee is seriously ill and is unlikely to return. One new trustee, Brian Ford, has been appointed and will take over the role of treasurer. Two further trustees are being sought to bring the board up to the desired operational level of resource.</p> <p>Finances are in good order, with a continuous bank balance of approximately £25,000 despite ongoing maintenance expenditure. The annual accounts for the previous charity have been completed and are signed off.</p> <p>The users of the three fully occupied rooms have all agreed to a 20% increase in rent, effective from 1st January 2023, in line with the increase in other room hire charges. A £2,500 grant from OCC's Energy Support fund has been applied for.</p> <p>Agreement has been reached with the Town council for the resumption with immediate effect of the £1,200 funding from the Town Council. A request will be made for an increase in this funding to reflect inflationary cost increases.</p> <p>The relevant documents for the asset transfer have again been sent to Andrew Shaw requesting him to submit them to the Land Registry.</p> <p>Gigaclear have agreed a free broadband connection to the Memorial Hall and OCC have offered a connection to the Museum, although that coverage does not currently extend throughout The Corner House.</p> <p>Agreement has been reached for the Town Clerk to make use of the Anne Downer Room from 9am to 10.30 am up to two times a week. A trial period will begin in January 2023.</p> <p>A Health and Safety assessment has been carried out with a recommendation that quotations are obtained for a full electrical safety check on both buildings.</p> <p>The new website is up and running, including a new email system which can be expanded as necessary.</p>	
<p>Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]</p> <p>£1,200 funding reinstated as previously agreed and provided. £1,200 agreed for next years precept.</p>	
<p>Communications: [do we need to communicate with residents and how will this be done if so]</p> <p>N/A</p>	