

Talkin Village Hall Update

Report by the Clerk/RFO

1. AL Daines has offered to undertake the tendering exercise for the village hall roof repairs free of charge. The Chairman has thanked them on behalf of the Parish Council.

They have advised that it would be essential to have the funding strategy in place as most tender offers are limited to three months and if there is a delay in securing funding the tenders could be invalid.

2. Advise has been sought about grant funding from ACT and others and is ongoing.
3. Following discussions with ACT it was identified that funders will want to clearly understand who the applicant is and what their role/responsibilities are. This process identified that no return has been made to the Charity Commissioners about the Hall. They have just advised that this return is 319 days late.

The Clerk has never made a return since she took up her position three years ago in September 2017 so assumes this return has been made in previous years by the Village Hall Managing Committee. The Clerk will contact the Chairman of the Managing Committee and the local Member (Cllr G Jackson) to ask them to find out who has been doing this in the past and to ask them to action the outstanding return. She will update at the meeting.

4. ACT has also asked the Clerk to find out at the meeting who advised the Parish Council when they did the review of the Constitution in 2017. The Indenture document and the Constitution have been shared with ACT. They have some questions. The documentation is not standard (dates back to 1914) and it would be helpful to ACT if they could talk with whoever advised the Parish Council. This will help them advise the Parish Council about who should be the applicant for any grant funding.

Member are asked to resolve whether the Clerk continue to ensure that the outstanding return to the Charity Commissioner is completed and that the next return is completed when due and report to next meeting on progress with answering the questions raised by ACT.

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