

Friends of Stretford Public Hall Board of Directors

Update on Key Decisions June 2019

Ballroom transformation

We continue to experience delays in order to be able to submit a full planning application to the Council for the final renovation work (Phase 3b Ballroom) and the Board were forced to make difficult decisions regarding the next steps. This included going out to open tender for the next stage of plans working towards planning permission. The Board were disappointed with the continued delays and noted that realistically work to the Ballroom will not commence at the earliest until January 2020.

Building and estates

Our planning submission to extend our opening hours in order to attract a wider range of events will be re-submitted and will take on board feedback from residents.

Board agreed the contractor to commence work on renovating the lift.

We noted the Fire Officer report and will respond to recommendations.

Finance / fundraising

There was a slight reduction in income in this last period due primarily to absorbing costs from VAT which haven't yet been fully passed on to tenants. We are shortly due to make our first VAT claim and will be able to claim VAT on expenditure including capital works and refurbishment over the past six months.

We agreed to move our bank account from The Co-operative Bank to Santander to benefit from free banking and better functionality.

We are due to recruit a new p/t time post as part of our new funded project, Culture Champions.

Governance

We agreed the date of Annual General Meeting on Sunday 20 October and discussed plans to make this a wider and more open community event to celebrate our achievements to date.

We also made progress with creating a risk register.

Volunteers

Volunteers have participated in recent training including first aid and food hygiene as part of National Volunteer week. Board members attended an enjoyable volunteer social event on 8 June involving food and party games.

Events and activities

Wellbeing Tuesdays - Classes to take a break on 28th May and 4th June for Half Term
Following Term to run from 11th June- 23rd July

Creative Thursdays

Textiles by hand 20th July- 25th July
Life Drawing session on sale for 20th June

Stretford Singers back on a weekly basis from 12th June

Yogathon - Sunday 23rd June

We continue to hire out rooms to various organisations and look forward to having the 'Library Room back in use.