



Northumberland
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2017

Present: Edwin Wilkinson, Ken Gaskin, Pat Wilkinson, Joanne Roberts, William Wilkinson, Bill Burlton and Monica Tasker.

Apologies - Brian Tilley

Edwin called a special meeting to discuss the clock repairs and the refurbishment of the new room.

The electronics have burnt out and Edwin has been in contact with two clock manufacturers to obtain quotes for the repair of the Town Hall clock. Smiths of Derby, who have taken over Potts of Leeds, have given a quote for a complete new system costing £4422 + VAT of £884.40 making a total of £5306.40. This will mean a new, up-to-date mechanism will be fitted. The second quote from Time Assured said they could repair the mechanism and it was a cheaper quote. After a long discussion it was unanimously decided to accept the Smiths' quote as it will be a completely new system and there is an option of paying in three instalments without interest being added. Monica had been in contact with the insurers to enquire about claiming for the repairs and awaiting the outcome.

There followed a discussion about refurbishing the new room, and after discussions it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the quotation from Neil Murray and have the room fitted out.

Any other Business – Ken has received the rubber edging to replace the missing ones on the stairs, and will fit them.

Monica said that Joanne and herself had a meeting with Brian English to request the website be returned to its original one with some updates. Although the website has been returned to its original way, it has not been updated and now looks unprofessional. There was a discussion and Monica was advised to contact Brian English to express the committee's concern.

Edwin asked if the committee were agreeable to renewing our subscriptions, which have increased, with CAN, it was unanimously agreed to continue our membership. The renewal is in October.

Ken asked if we could have a new kettle sited in the bar area, this was agreed.

Joanne asked about taking Sharyn off as a signatory and to ask Brian if he would like to be a signatory, Joanne will deal with this.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 7.25 pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at 6.30pm.