

Review of Simon Porter's - Seniors Coffee Mornings & Carol McFarlane's – 'Craft for All' Groups

The board decided at their last meeting (**Item 5.2.(b) of the Minutes (9th May)**) that a discretionary rate given to 'Craft for All' in respect of room hire (FOC) would be extended until the end of August; providing additional time to secure funding and enable a review of both the craft group and the Seniors Coffee Morning group to take place.

Rates of Hire

- The above two groups, having association to HCC via two board members – Simon Porter (Seniors Coffee Mornings) and Carol McFarlane ('Craft for All') had, up to the 1st of January this year, paid a '**community, voluntary and not for profit group**' hire rate of £6/hour for their weekly hire of the training room. **NB:** Other community groups, who either supply a service to the centre and/or the community, pay variable complementary hire rates proper to the room they hire.
- On the 1st of December, the centre emailed a number of groups, including both the above, to say that the board had met and agreed that HCC would be increasing their community hire rate to £10/hour as of the 1st of January 2023, irrespective of the room they hire.
- This, however, did not take account of the board's decision at the meeting on 6th September, where the board declined a proposal to add a 5% increase to hire charges to cover increased energy costs, on the basis that HCC's charges are already higher than other hall facilities in the area. However, the Board did agree to increasing the Charitable Rate (community, voluntary and not for profit groups) to £8/hour from 1st January 2023.
- So, the board are asked: -
 - 1) to retrospectively approve a community rate of £10/hour, backdated to 1st January 2023 for community groups **without** association to HCC, when hiring any part of the facilities?
 - 2) to restore the board's decision of 6th of September, whereby a Charity Rate of £8/hour backdated to 1st January 2023 is revived for 'community, voluntary and not for profit groups' **with** association to HCC hiring the training room?
 - 3) to agree both groups being reimbursed in respect of overcharging from 1st January to 31st July, if 2) above is agreed. Refunds will be as follows: -

Craft for All				Seniors Coffee Morning			
Invoice Number	Date Generated	Invoiced Amount	Overpaid	Invoice Number	Date Generated	Invoiced Amount	Overpaid
HCC2296	31/01/2023	£80.00	£16.00	HCC2297	31/01/2023	£60.00	£12.00
HCC2337	28/02/2023	£65.00	£13.00	HCC2338	28/02/2023	£60.00	£12.00
HCC2384	31/03/2023	£15.00	£3.00	HCC2385	31/03/2023	£75.00	£15.00
HCC2423	30/04/2023	£0.00	£0.00	HCC2426	30/04/2023	£60.00	£12.00
HCC2465	31/05/2023	£0.00	£0.00	HCC2470	31/05/2023	£75.00	£15.00
HCC2506	30/06/2023	£0.00	£0.00	HCC2510	30/06/2023	£60.00	£12.00
HCC2557	31/07/2023	£0.00	£0.00	HCC2561	31/07/2023	£60.00	£12.00
		£160.00	£32.00			£450.00	£90.00