

Agenda Item 6

The Chairman received this request from the newly formed Friends of Barrowford Library requesting financial assistance with their promotion leaflets for the library. Given that the library will again probably come under pressure to close and that promotion and increased usage is the only method of trying to support the library the Council should consider allocating a grant from the £300 grants budget. If the Council are minded to support this group, then payment could be made on receipt of a copy of an invoice for printing and appropriate bank details.

Email received:

Andrew, Parish Council,

You are most probably aware of the formation of Friends Barrowford Library.

I was pleased to accept nomination as Chair of this group at our meeting 6th July. Since this time the committee has been extremely busy in design of business card, leaflet and also establishment of Facebook Page. All with the sole intention of encouraging more participation of residents into use of wide and varied services at the Library, all of which I am sure you are aware. You will recall I and other residents were extremely proactive when **our** Library was closed in 2016. We do not intend to permit a repeat.

Brief review of actions since;

The committee have been most industrious in designing and preparation of a uniform layout that will be basis of Facebook page (already now in situ).

Leaflet (for distribution locally in stores, doors and shops).

Posters for display on public notice boards, your agreement to display on yours would be appreciated, and in stores.

Hand outs at local events. You will recall there is a social event at Library, organised by Library, in October.

We are also very optimistic in encouraging older, deprived and families into the Library to not only to use there varied and wide services, with help where needed, but also provision of warm safe hospitality in forthcoming Autumn and Winter. Definite benefit to local residents.

Obviously all this print does generate costs and whilst we are self funding for existing costs, at this time, we urgently require major input to support print and ancillary supplies.

May I therefor ask if, as Parish Council, you are able assist in a financial sense towards this heavy costs, current estimates running into hundreds of pounds.

We would obviously extend to you and your members a warm invitation to attend our next, and subsequent, committee meeting to be held in Library at 2.00pm on Tuesday August 10th and on the 2nd Tuesday of each successive month. Perhaps you may feel it useful to invite a member of your Parish Council to participate.

Many thanks for your attention.

Best wishes

Ken Turner