

STANSTEAD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

NOTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of Meeting: Sunday June 30th 2024 at 4pm

Present: Kevin Horton, Geraldine Ross, Paul Ward, Ian Simpson, Klaire Peck, Kirsty Littleboy.
Apologies from George Easton, Colin Warne, David Warne.

KH said there were three items to be resolved at the meeting, in order to reduce the agenda for the next Committee meeting, and to get a reply sent to potential suppliers asap.

1. Cellar/Bar system
2. Siting of fridge
3. Reordering of stock

1 - There are 6 options available regarding the cellar/bar system:

- a. Continue with Gallos as main supplier, and both the lines and the pumps system as they are.
- b. Replace the lines only, as the rest of the system although tired is ok.
- c. Change the supplier to Heineken.
- d. Change the supplier to Carlsberg.
- e. Change the supplier to Greene King.
- f. Replace the lines and pumps ourselves.

a and b – both discounted, as the lines are on their last legs, and changing those but not the pumps could have a knock on effect and make the pump system fail.

f – also discounted. Would cost over £3000, we would have to maintain at a cost to ourselves and we would likely still stock Carlsberg products as a majority supplier.

e – this was also discounted, as Greene King are unlikely to be a good fit for the Community Centre.

c – There are two options with Heineken – their SmartDispense system, which would provide a Cellar Management system for £215 a month + VAT or a refresh/upgrade of the system without any installation or monthly cost.

They are suggesting a 4 T-bar pump plus a hand pull. Three of the T bar need to be Heineken brands plus one 'foreign' brand. SmartDispense would include a line-clean every six weeks by a technician, with no purchase of chemicals, and no wastage.

The downside of the Heineken offer is their products – the ale is John Smith's, Poretti would need to change to Cruzcampo or Heineken premium, their cider is Inch's.

d – Again offering a 4 T-bar and a hand pull utilising their CQDS and Fresh Ale system.

Their range of products is more suited to us. Can keep Carlsberg and Poretti, have Brooklyn IPA (or other variety), or a non-alcohol (San Miguel suggested) on the 4 pumps, this will leave one 'foreign line' on the T bar with a Wainwrights (customers suggesting Amber) on the hand pull. Cider would be bottles/cans only for most of the year. Guest ales still available. They also do Hobgoblin, 1664, amongst others which may be more suitable to the members.

Their charges are £22 per line per month, £37 for a 'foreign' line, excluding VAT. The deal would be for three years, and as the system is more efficient than the current one, it would only need cleaning once a month. They will provide all glassware etc. and pay £500 on installation of the products. Their rep has calculated savings of over £1000 a year after line charges.

We need to ask if their CQDS system would be available for use after the 3 year deal, and what would the cost of maintenance be? Also, would they offer a refresh/upgrade of a traditional system without a monthly fee if we chose not to use CQDS.

They need to come and do a survey. IS to reply to Carlsberg, hopefully the system can be in place before August 8th.

2 – If the fridge is moved below the optics, it would be visible to customers, they could see the stock and what is available. If this is done, the new pumps will need to go on the 'members bar' side. This would also show separation between the bar area and the community area. To be discussed as part of survey by Inn serve. Any building work will need to be completed by volunteers.

3 – Re-ordering system

GE has produced a chart to prompt re-ordering, but not over-ordering.

Confirmed that the bottle stock of Kopparberg, etc. to be changed to cans, and that the choice should be reduced to four altogether, including Mixed Fruits, Strongbow Dark Fruits, Aspalls and a Zero.

Old Mout, Peroni, Budweiser, Corona and Fosters to be removed as they are not selling.

Any Other Business

A resident had spoken about wanting to join the Committee – GR to confirm.

Post-meeting, they said they would have to put this on hold for the time being due to other commitments.