**VICTORIA HALL TAKES DECISION TO MEET RISES IN ENERGY COSTS**

Unfortunately the Hall has had to take steps to meet the effects of the current energy crisis. Taking the figures for our ‘normal’ year and factoring in the new increased prices per unit, for both heating oil and electricity, it will be necessary for the Hall to find another £3,000 per annum, at the current levels, to break even. Obviously this is going to be subject to continuous scrutiny but we need to take action now. If further changes are necessary then that will happen when needed. The Hall’s only source of income, to pay for energy costs, is our Lettings Income from the Hall rentals. In an attempt to support the community, the present Letting Fees have not changed since the C&DCC/VHMC took over management of the Hall in 2010! The C&DCC/VHMC should be proud that with sensible cost control and re-investment in the Hall’s internal well-being, over 12 years, we have managed to keep the Fees at this level and survived (so far!) the financial blows inflicted by the pandemic. However now has to be the time for change or risk the future of the Hall. Attached is agreed increase to our scale of Letting Fees to be applied from 1st September 2022. This is based on raising £3k from a ‘normal’ full year of lettings and if Hall Rental Income does not return to that level then further action will be required. Sadly this currently requires an average rise of 35%.

**VICTORIA HALL LETTING FEES**

**From 1st September 2022**

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|  |  | **OLD since 2010** | **NEW** |
| **HOURLY HIRE** |  |  |  |
| Use of Hall including light use of kitchenUse of Meeting Room including light use of kitchen | **Hourly Rate** | £8.00 (residents)£10.00 (non-resident) | £11.00 (residents)£13.50 (non-resident) |
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| **DAILY HIRE** |  |  |  |
| Private Functions e.g. Party/WeddingUse of Hall (+ kitchen if required) | **Per Day** | £80.00 (residents)£100.00 (non-residents) | £110.00 (residents)£135.00 (non-residents) |
| Public Functions (i.e. entry by ticket) Use of Hall (+ kitchen if required) | **Per Day** | £100.00 | £135.00 |
| Political Elections | **All Day** | £150.00 | £200.00 |