

Cowbridge

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'APATHY HALL'

Frustrated trustees to sell Institute

The crumbling Institute building in Cowbridge is to be put up for sale after a public meeting failed to find any alternative.

Only 33 people attended the public meeting to decide the future of the Institute - three of them trustees.

The chairman of the meeting, Mr. David Jones, said: "We discussed the situation as it stands and then put the options to the vote.

"Twelve people voted in favour of disposing of the building and appointing a solicitor.

"Four people said we should go out on to the streets of Cowbridge and try to raise the necessary money over the next few months. Some people did not vote at all."

The trustees have looked at every option open to them since the building fell into such disrepair that it had to be closed down.

But as they have been applying unsuccessfully for grants they have found their main tenants find other premises.

The scouts and cubs have just had a substantial grant approved for a new building, so it is unlikely they will ever come back to the Institute.

And Aberthin have just finished their village hall

Mr Jones said there has been a poor response in Cowbridge. Last year the trustees wrote to over 20 local charities and only six bothered to reply.

"The local authority were interested in the Institute as a day centre for the elderly but they would not pay for the building to be put in order and we have not got the money to do it."

Council vacancy

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council has announced a vacancy following the resignation of Coun. David Jones.

Anybody wishing to stand should contact the town clerk before July 14.

Latest plans

Latest planning applications to the Vale council:

Mr. J.W. Hayward, "Bassaleg" Post Office, Newport, Gwent. The Surgery, Church Street, Llantwit Major. Convert and extend surgery to provide detached dwelling.

Trustees Cowbridge Institute, Town Hall Square, Cowbridge. Change use to shop premises with no alteration of elevations.

Mrs. M. Thomas, Millands Farm Caravan Park, Llanmaes, O.S. Parcel 7832. Llanmaes, Erect agricultural building.

Mr. T. Prince, Welford Farm, Port Road, Rhose. Garage, kitchen, bathrooms, shower room and bedroom extension.

P. Mathews, The Old Rectory, St. Mary Church, Utility

room extension, replacing flat roof with pitched roof.

Mr. P.K. Williams, No 4, Thaw Close, Fommon. Rhose Kitchen and bedroom extension with ground floor toilet.

Mr. A. Studley, Greenmeadows, Heoly-March. Bonvilston. Extend and alter bungalow.

Mr & Mrs. P. van Rooyen, The Old Rectory, Marcross, Llantwit Major. Part of land belonging to The Old Rectory, 0.0635 ha. Residential.

J.S.W. Williams, Esq., C/o Woodwise Ltd., Crossways Estate, Cowbridge. Replacement warehouse/storage.

J.G. Hunt, 19, Bessant Close, Llanblethian. Cowbridge. Portion of Parcel No. 0137. Maendy, Erect dwelling.

Mr & Mrs. T. Allen, Carmel, Maces-y-Felin, Llandow, Cowbridge. Sun room and store for private residential use.

Link line

With the cut-down in the Town Clerk's hours, Cowbridge council is considering installing an answering machine at a cost of £99.