MINUTES OF THE FIRE ENGINE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Held on the 29th November 2026 @ 7.30 in the Dorothy Granger Room, Community Hall, Silverton

Present: Cllr Ruth Harrison (Chair) & Cllrs Olivia Kennard, Sarah Gooding & Simon Hedges

The Clerk attended to take the Minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Ellen Cocking who was currently away.

2. Meeting open to any questions from members of the public – 10 mins

No members of the public attended the meeting

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2026

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2026 be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Sarah Gooding. A vote was taken by way of a show of hands with 3 in favour and 1 abstention.

4. Update re removal of items from the Fire Engine House to storage facilities

It was noted there was currently no update.

5. Update on new Lease and rental position

There has been no update from the solicitors with regard to the draft Lease forwarded to them.

6. General Update

Ellen Cocking had an sent email confirming Environmental Health had agreed that it was not necessary for her to have a toilet in the building. It was generally felt she should make sure she has this confirmation in writing from MDDC.

It was agreed to chase Springwater Farm in relation to the removal of the items it was having from the building.

The Chair gave a brief overall of the current position.

A query was raised as to how many meetings the Committee would need going forward and how Ellen Cocking was going to reimburse the cost. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the rent in the Lease be set at £25.00 per month initially with a clause in order that this can be reviewed in the future. Proposed by Cllr Hedges and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

It was noted that Ellen Cocking was in the process of submitting a planning application and she was applying for funding towards the project.

Meeting closed at 8.15