Request from the Climate Emergency Working Group

We would like to organise an Information Event for residents of Calne Without to understand more about ways they can save energy in the home through insulation, turning down water temperatures and switching off lights etc. and how they can bring energy costs down for themselves by installing solar panels or heat pumps etc. I have made enquiries to Jane at the Lansdowne Hall to see if it is possible to book the main hall & new meeting room for Saturday 2nd April 2022 from 10 - 1pm at a cost of £17.64 per hour. We would also require sound equipment use to ensure the speakers are able to be heard @ £16.00. Total hire cost therefore = £68.92.

The format of the event will include speakers and presentations during the morning in the new meeting room, stalls around the outside of the main hall for residents to browse along and some light refreshments given out from the kitchen area.

James Gladding from Sustainable Calne is happy to help as they have done a similar smaller event in Calne in 2021 and he has professional contacts with solar installers, insulation providers and heat pump installers. He also has a contact in the heat pump federation who may be able to speak Nick Murray, Cllr for WC and CTC and in this context also trustee with Zero Chippenham, has also advised he can help / advise with contacts.

I also thought I could invite Paul Winney from WC Warm and Safe who was due to come to the Eco Fest but had to cancel unfortunately at the last minute due to staff shortages. Warm and Safe Wiltshire is a service provided by Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Energy to help residents live in safer and healthier homes. Additional funding for Warm and Safe Wiltshire has been provided by the Warm Homes Fund, which has enabled the service to offer more support to residents across Wiltshire. They have a free advise service and also provide funding for householders on a low income.

Charli is going to put together a flyer for the event once dates are confirmed and we would like the PC to agree to fund the hall hire and refreshments in order for this event to proceed and also support the WG by promoting the event like crazy and attending on the day.

The WG are also interested in supporting residents in the correct insulation needed for their houses through thermal imaging and are in discussion with SC to explore purchasing a camera that can be hired by residents and used across both community areas

Power; Local Government Act 1972 s 134 s142 s145 Budget; Public Participation, Exhibitions, Events, Advertising and Communication