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KWMCC Report for Annual Town Council

We would just like to thank the Town Clerk and the Team at Kesgrave Town Council for their offer to input into this year's Annual Report. As a Community Centre we are proud of our partnership with Kesgrave Town council and are a strong alliance to work together to serve the whole community for the best of all residents. It has been a pleasure working with Kesgrave Town council and economies of scale and breadth of thought that the joint projects bring, we look forward to delivering more in 2020/2021.

Just a few of completed KWMCC Projects over the last year or so include:

- New Automatic Doors to the Main Entrance of the Community Center which will make a huge difference for all visitors and those with pushchairs, young children, the elderly and wheelchair users alike.
- A Commemorative Bench for Armistice 100 has been erected in the community Centre gardens for all to enjoy under a beautiful tree and gives visitors and residents time to sit and reflect if they wish.
- The installation of a Defibrillator outside the Conference Centre and Training Facility has proved invaluable to residents and hirers – we hope it is never used - but it is there if needed.
- Our new online Booking System has been updated so that availability and bookings can now be viewed online via the KWMCC website for each of our function rooms, as well as the indoor and outdoor sports facilities allowing our users to self-serve.
- The iconic KWMCC Clock Tower after many years is now telling the correct time and can be seen from all angles around the area.

- Replacing Tennis Court Floodlights - With help from many areas of Funding locally and nationally the lighting for evening activities has been a wonderful addition to the Club and to Users alike.
- A Children's play area at KWMCC has been a great addition for the youngsters to enjoy and another example of how KWMCC and the Town Council can work in Partnership to make these things happen.

Events

KWMCC have been working hard to establish some Annual events and continue to develop these with feedback from the community and our work with Town Council. Our aim is to be inclusive and provide something for every demographic within local and wider community of Kesgrave. We also host a variety of regular clubs at the center from monthly Age UK events to Lace makers, Bonsai clubs, Cadets, Dementia Cafe to a Help center,

We have been pleased to be able to support the Kesgrave Fun day in recent years by providing free activities for visitors to the event which has become an annual event.

Monthly Networking Events have become an established event, organised and hosted by KWMCC and sponsored by Bates Wells & Braithwaite. Held in the Conference Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9.30-11.30am with just a £2 entry fee on the door donated to St Elizabeth Hospice with refreshments this provides our local business with opportunities to network and develop their business.

Our annual Autumn Fashion Show in October has become a popular event along with the Jess Fest charity music festival, the Christmas shopping evening in November and last year for the first time KWMCC hosted their first Christmas party nights which were a huge success. With the installation of ceiling drapes, up lighters, overhead lights, and glitter balls which were already creating a buzz for weddings this year and is proving to be a popular add on to hirers bookings.

Discussions were taking place between KWMCC and KTC to provide Circus Workshops and Gaming Stations as Summer activities for the youngsters, this will hopefully be picked up again for next year when the chance arises

Making more use of the Band Stand and organised Children's Birthday Parties are just a few on the agenda for KWMCC.

Sports

We are fortunate to offer such high standard facilities to the community with access to Tennis, Bowls lawn, Cricket, Football, 5 a side, sport Hall and cycle speedway. We also host regular events from Yoga, Bounce Classes, Badminton, Running club, Pilates, Salsa dancing, Zumba as well as sporting clubs for children in the school holidays.

A grant application through our local charity SPARK and many other Partnerships has now been approved for the resurfacing of the Tennis courts which will benefit the whole community. These facilities will not only provide Tennis on a pay and play private booking, through membership but also through club events. The club has become a hub for new coaches, training 3 out of the 14 female coaches within Suffolk. These improvements will keep KWMCC at the forefront of tennis amenities in the area and enable us to meet with the LTA standard of requirements and enable us to offer the facilities to all within the sport.

We are very excited about the future for KWMCC as we continue to work and develop partnerships and relationships in the community with Town Council, local Councillors, Businesses, Schools, Charities and Residents.

We look forward to welcoming you all back very soon with some regular coffee morning catchups to discuss future projects that we can work on together and look out for updates on www.kwmcc.co.uk