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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Woodchester Park Mansion
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	10 th November 2021
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>The recent opening of the cellars for Halloween proved to be extremely popular with 150 adults and children visiting daily over the 6 days. It certainly helped towards the income stream and thanks were expressed to the many volunteers.</p> <p>October has proved to be successful with many visitors to the mansion.</p> <p>The Trust has applied for COVID Recovery Stage 3 and will hopefully find out if they have been successful in early December.</p> <p>The Trust has been successful in receiving charitable grants for the work on the mansion. It is expected to complete nearly £1m worth of conservation during 21/22. This work has to be match funded, to form sustainable foundations to continue conservation, the Trust needs to find £150,000 over the next 3 years.</p> <p>Following the Trust's recent presentation of its business plan to Kathy O'Leary and Andrew Cummings and other officers Andrew Cummings asked for a follow up meeting with the Trust's treasurer and the Plan's author to better understand the detail. The Trust has not received any further communication from SDC and Steve offered to contact Andrew Cummings. Steve has since contacted him and Steve suggested that it would be useful for him to also attend these meetings.</p> <p>The Mansion has received a very good rating from Visit England.</p> <p>Stroud College is keen to train students at the Mansion, which would help with the restoration.</p> <p>There are approximately 50 volunteers working at the Mansion.</p> <p>Steve offered to speak to a contact regarding a video which John Goom (Trustee) would like to make. He will also speak with Cllr Mike Kelly regarding guiding walks at the Mansion for people with sight impairment and get back to Trustee Roger Townsend. Hopefully a visit can be arranged in the new year.</p>	
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Steve Robinson
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