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Notes from meeting with Little Actors Theatre Company 11am on 18th July 2022.

Present: Samantha Giblin, Cllr. Christine Warner, Cllr. Pat Kynaston, Cllr. Brenda Marple.

Initially called meeting to discuss the feasibility of a joint Spacehive Crowdfunding bid to improve the facilities at Neston Town Hall for the Council, users and the community. After exploring this option, it was agreed that this was not something that we wanted to progress at this time. There were a number of improvements that could be made with small pockets of funding in the short term. There had been feedback from use by Neston Players, and Little Actors had a number of suggestions which would improve the facility quite easily. Suggestions were:

Introduction of better lighting rigs, on rafters, front of stage, bar of lights on stage.

Dimmer boards, bluetooth and wi-fi speakers which are flexible, rifle microphones on the stage.

Improvements to blackout curtains on top windows.

Remove the gold curtains, which currently reduced available space on the stage.

More use of the tiered seating stored in the town hall basement for improving the audience experience.

Refurbish stage area, paint back wall of stage.

Refurbish town hall through re-painting and brightening up interior area of the hall. Move or reduce the number of notices on the walls.

Simplified operating desk with systems built in.

Help for more practical information might be available through Little Actor's contacts. Also, Churches Together for technical knowledge. Gladstone Hall has a good set up and might be worth a visit.

Looking at the costs, it was thought a lot could be achieved for a reasonable outlay. For example, a bar of lights could be purchased for about £250, which would be an immediate improvement.

Little Actors would consider hiring the Hall for an increased number of productions if facility was upgraded. Had to bear in mind to co-ordinate bookings with other users such as the Rural Arts theatre.

Cllr. Brenda Marple

Vice-Chair, Market and Town Hall Committee