



Community Buildings Committee Meeting

11 March 2021

CB040 - Replacement of Stage Curtains and move curtain winder

1. Introduction

The stage curtains are due to be flame proofed again; this was last done in 2016 by Cuckfield Dramatic Society (CDS). The curtains are also in need of repair and are very worn in some places mainly due to their age. CDS have requested that the winder used to open and close the curtains be moved to the opposite side of the stage nearest to the corridor.

2. Approach

Contacted three different companies for quotes to replace or repair the curtains and move the curtain winder to the opposite side of the stage.

3. Findings

J & C Joel – large company with very helpful customer service agent, Ben Strachen.

Whaleys (WBL) – large company, who use a sister company for installing curtains. Dealing with different Sales Reps each time I have been in contact.

Abacus Stage Tech – smaller company with a personal service – Steve Austin is a director of the company and very helpful all round.

4. Costs

a) J & C Joel – Countess Cotton Velvet flame retardant fabric (would need to be reproofed if it gets wet or damp) includes Main Curtains, Side Curtains, Linings, Pelmet = **£2421.00 with VAT £2905.00** (Carriage approx. £75.00 and installation not included).

Cleaning and reproofing – not available. Can recommend another company.

To move curtain winder – Agent asked for photos and depending on which track is already installed it might be something that could be done by CDS/Operations Officer! He would be happy to use his 25 years' experience to talk them through it!

b) Whaleys - Poly Cotton Velvet flame retardant fabric including Main Curtains, Side Curtains Linings and unlined pelmet = **£1839.00 with VAT £2207.00** (Delivery and installation not included. (Can recommend another company)

Cleaning & reproofing £1395.06

c) Abacus - Maestro Velour Velvet inherently flame-retardant fabric includes Main Curtains, Side Curtains, Linings, & Pelmet = **£3578.00 with VAT £4293.60** (delivery and installation included).

Cleaning and reproofing – £2430.00 (to come to site and remove curtains/pelmet then have professionally cleaned and then reproofed to BS5867 standard. Then come back to site and rehang everything (Labour/Travel.....650.00 Cleaning....1420.00 Fireproof....360.00).

To move curtain winder - Rough estimate to reuse old tracks would probably be in the region of **£450**, and brand new state of the art tracks about **£500**.

5. Recommendations

Abacus and J&C Joel have both been very helpful. Steve at Abacus in particular. He would also be willing to tweak the price to meet our budget and do a site visit before commencing job of making curtains to ensure measurements correct.

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