

Item 9  
Theatre Manager Report

**Rugeley Rose Theatre Report**

Bar lights

The theatre bar lights have now all been replaced & new stereo has been purchased to allow for music to be played in the bar area before / after performances and during the days when community groups are in and around the building.

Heating

Our air conditioning system is operated through software on the pc. We have a contract with AA Cooling who fitted the units and service our air con and they advise that the software is now obsolete leaving us with no control over the heating at all. AA Cooling have advised that the only way we can get access back to control the heating is by introducing work around touch screen interface, the cost of this is £1885.00 + VAT. We are in the process of getting alternative quotes for the work, but we believe that they will all come in at a similar price.

**For Consideration**

Councillors are asked to consider approving the funding for the updating of the controls for the air conditioning at a cost of no more than £1,885 + VAT.

Lean-to

The ceiling over the lobby between the two buildings is beginning to fall down. This is leading to concerns with the door to the lean to and the ceiling in there. Martin is to contact builders and obtain three quotes for this work and Craig Mantle will look at finding the source of the leak above the toilets. Councillors are being made aware of this as this will be an upcoming maintenance cost for the building.

Theatre makeover

To improve the appearance of the theatre to users, £85 has been spent improving the look of the bar and foyer. This work was undertaken by Town Council and Theatre staff. The feedback from customers has been fantastic. A report is on the agenda to consider additional costs to get the bar tables stripped, additional furniture painted etc.

Bookings

We have been promoting the upcoming bookings for the theatre and on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Artisan Market, flyers were handed out to promote the events. The Pantomime has also been confirmed for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December so schools are being contacted to secure bookings.