



PARISH COUNCIL
Kempsey

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025 AT 7.00 PM
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Waller (Chair), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gardener, Cllr Plummer, Cllr Biddle and Cllr Cooke

IN ATTENDANCE: - Sharon Dunn -Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Cathy Garner in her role as Community Builder plus 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Clamp (Personal), Cllr Anstey (Personal), Cllr Varley (Personal) and Cllr White (Personal) - All Accepted.
2. Declarations of Interest
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest.
 2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None
 3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests on items on the agenda and their nature - None
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) - written requests to be submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting - None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions from members of the public.

4. Kempsey Community Vision Report update and report review
Thanks were expressed to Cathy Garner for her hard work and efforts compiling this report. She presented a summary overview detailing: -

The purpose of the Kempsey Vision report is to draw together the views and aspirations of the wider Kempsey community gathered via the 2022 Parish Survey and subsequent discussions with community groups and parishioners for the facilities, services and opportunities for Kempsey residents in the coming years.

KPC envisages that, when finalised, the report will serve as a reference document for the Parish Council to set priorities for its programme of work directed at enabling the aspirations of the wider Kempsey community as set out in the Vision report and to use the report as an evidence base to influence other organisations and actors in achieving these outcomes.

Eight strategic objectives had emerged to guide the vision which included: -

- Preserve Our Cherished Rural Identity
- Enhance Community Spaces and Facilities
- Foster Vibrant Community Life
- Advance Environmental Initiatives and Food Security
- Promote Cultural Expression and Recreational Growth
- Ensure Calm Roads and Safe Homes
- Build an Informed, Connected Community that Communicates Positively
- Improve Transport Accessibility and Connectivity.

Action

It was agreed that the report should represent the views of the community so that the report will be seen as the collective vision of the wider Kempsey community rather than KPC's vision for the future of Kempsey. To that end, incorporation of suggested modifications by KPC to the draft report will be at the discretion of the Community Builder.

Mrs Garner showed slides and videos of how the Kempsey community and others might be informed of the outcome of the Vision report process and findings. It was felt in general terms that wider outreach would be obtained via internet-based approaches supported by printed versions as appropriate.

A brief discussion took place on what to present at the Annual Parish meeting with the emphasis being on progress with the project and the headline outcomes. It was agreed that at the Village Fete, Mrs Garner will focus on encouraging more volunteering from the community, not only in support of KPC's work programme but also in support of other community-based organisations.

a. Proposal to adopt the Vision Report - **ITEM DEFERRED**

Some refinement is required to correct elements of the report. The Parish Council can then extract the priorities for each committee to focus on. Councillors to submit their comments to Mrs Garner, copied to the Parish Office.

b. Proposal to adopt the Vision Promotion plan - **ITEM DEFERRED**

To be considered again when the Vision Report is finalised.

5. Community café at Plover's Rise Sports Pavilion update and review.

So far, the community café has been very encouraging, helped by the sunny weather conditions. As the pilot venture is only at the halfway stage, unable to make any predictions as to what the future holds. Availability of volunteers may be an issue going forward. Discussions were encouraged with commercial enterprise companies as a possibly alternative option.

6. Youth Hub at Plovers Rise Youth Centre, update and review

a. Proposal to redecorate the small meeting room as a Youth Hub - **ITEM DEFERRED**

Permission was granted to acquire gaming consoles and bean bags from the WCC Innovation Fund already received or other KPC funds.

To enquire with Worcester Scout Group Cubs if they would be happy to use the Youth Centre at the same time that the Youth Hub is in operation.

Kempsey Youth Hub - YMCA - Lottery Alternative Funding

In principle, KPC would be willing to provide 20% match funding or approximately £2,200 per year for the next 3 or 3.5 years to this project, subject to an acceptable YMCA - KPC funding agreement.

b. **RESOLVED:** To submit an Expression of Interest to the Community Facility Legacy Grant Fund for funding for the provision of a cabin at Plovers Rise to serve as an IT Centre and Youth Hub.

Meeting Closed at 9.24 PM

Signed Chairman..... Date

Clerk

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