

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 24TH MARCH 2014
AT 8.00 PM. AT THE YOUTH CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Hart, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Rea, Cllr Hay, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Geens, Cllr Blackwell & Cllr Bevan.

IN ATTENDANCE: - Clerk and 2 members of the Youth Centre Committee -Mrs. Clee and Mrs. Barnes

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of Interests:
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors' for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None

No Questions during Public Question Time.

4. Having been previously circulated the minutes of Monday 10th March 2014 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. To discuss the various options of Kempsey Community Youth Centre
Three options were put forward to undertake the management of the centre as follows:-
 1. The Parish Council takes over the running of the centre as it owns the land on which the building sits and the neighbouring playing fields. The Parish Council has the resources both managerially and financially to run the centre which could be delegated to an existing committee or a specific Youth Centre Committee
 2. The Parish Council in conjunction with the Parish Hall Trustees set up a joint management arrangement to run the centre. This would allow scope for additional bookings that currently cannot be handled by either the Community Centre or The Parish Hall to be facilitated by The Youth Centre. This would also provide an alternative venue for existing parish Hall user groups if the parish hall site is redeveloped in the future.
 3. The Parish Council to set up a Sole Trustee Charity (The Parish Council). This would require a separate management structure (of which 2/3 must be Parish Councillors), with separate accounts, meetings and bank accounts. As the parish Council, as a legal entity, would be the sole trustees this would remove the problem of changes in the make-up of the council (Councillors) requiring notification to the Charity Commission. The main advantage of this option is that it opens up more opportunities in applying for funding to maintain and run the centre than would be available under the other two options.
Following discussion it was clear that the Youth Centre is an important asset to the Community and careful consideration needs to be given to protect the youth provision.
6. Proposal to vote on acquiring Kempsey Community Youth Centre Charity with transfer of the existing charitable status to Kempsey Parish Council as a sole trustee – subject to any legal and financial implications.
Cllr Rea recommended an amendment to the above proposal to ‘Proposal to vote on acquiring Kempsey Community Youth Centre by transfer to Kempsey Parish Council as a non-charitable organisation – subject to any legal and financial implications of the charity having to be wound up.’ The Council resolved to accept the amendment.
The amendment was then voted upon. The Council voted in favour to accept.
A counter amendment was then put forward by Cllr Bowley proposing ‘The Parish Council is determined to preserve the Youth Centre as an invaluable asset for the Community and therefore

authorizes the setting up of a Working Party to consist of no more than five persons including at least three Councillors to investigate and recommend to The Council the most appropriate way of so doing taking into account all relevant legal, financial and practical aspects and to report to The Council within two months.’ The Council voted against this proposal by 11-2 votes therefore this was not carried and the first amendment valid.

- 7. Finance: Invoice Payment of £150.00 to Community First for Business Support to Kempsey Youth Centre delivered by Richard Timney - The Council approved this payment. Cllr Bowley questioned where had The Council agreed to provide Business Support. It was confirmed this had not been approved by the Council beforehand; however much needed expert advice had been delivered.

Meeting Closed 8.53pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed ChairmanDate