

**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting**

**held THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on Thursday  
03 November 2022, commencing 6:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Moorhouse (Chair), P Downing, G Frost, S Outram, R Patman, M Richards, S Richardson, and R Walker.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk, and six members of the public were also present (five of these were from the Tuxford Community Events group).

**FC170 Inform Members and the Public (if any in attendance) that the meeting is being recorded**

Meeting is recorded for the purpose of accurate minute recording. Recordings are destroyed once minutes have been approved.

**FC171 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr K Rutherford.

**RESOLVED:** Reasons for apologies were given and accepted.

Cllr E Bett, Cllr D Clark and Cllr C Longmore were absent, with no apologies given

**FC172 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**FC173 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2022** (folio ref 2022/104-113)

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr GF, seconded by Cllr SO, all in favour that the minutes of the meeting held above, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the chairman as an accurate record.

**FC174 Correspondence (if any)**

There was no correspondence.

**FC175 Tuxford Community Events Presentation**

One director of the group advised that they had not prepared a presentation, as they believed it didn't warrant it.

They went on to add that they understand, as a group, they can not calculate the running costs, as they are a newly formed and they have nothing to compare it against.

What is important to them is that there are more facilities for all age groups in the town and that The Beeches Community Centre is utilised more. There is currently not enough information on how to access the centre, costs for hiring it, etc. With limited facilities in the town, they would like to offer the space for, but not limited to, a venue for wedding events, crafts, host parties, disco's, cinema evenings, play groups and exercise groups.

They feel that they have a lot of expertise within their group, an events company, funding officer, marketing executive, business owners, to name a few.

One member of the public asked that it be noted that whatever happens to the centre, they need to be considerate to the location of the centre – right in the middle of old person's complex.

They re-iterated that although there are risks associated with taking over the running of the centre, they have drive, vision, and passion to take it on.

Cllr SR stated that although the proposal is in the initial stages, with a report being presented to cabinet at Bassetlaw District Council in January 2023, the draft information is that there is an overage clause, where the district council can reclaim 90% of the worth if the building was to be sold. He advised that the current condition of the building was inadequate at the moment for the needs of the community and suggested that the community group consider negotiating with the district council for some access arrangements for a year, have a licence to occupy – the community group for the building and one for the town council, for their office and then review the situation, where they will be in a better position.

He went on to propose to the community group that he believes the best option is to hold the district council accountable and make it fit for purpose and the best way to do this would be to work together, with no risk.

He asked the community group what it is they want.

They stated that they liked the idea of working together and having a trial year of running the centre. They did express concern over whether they would still be able to receive funding, Cllr SR advised that with three groups working together (the community group, the town council, and the district council) that there would be greater match funding options available to them all.

It was agreed to nominate several key people from the community group and the town council to create a working group, where it is hoped to put together a letter of intent, with a wish list of requirements/improvements, as for the last six years Tuxford have not received any capital funding from the district council, with no plans to do so in the next six years either.

It was agreed that the following people will be on the working group:

Tuxford Community Event Group:

Chair/Treasurer/Event Director

Tuxford Town Council:

Chair/Cllr SR/Cllr RW (representing the NP). The Clerk will be present when she is available.

A meeting was arranged for Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 6:30pm.

Letter of intent to be submitted by 05 December 2022.

**FC176 Private and Confidential – The Beeches Community Centre**

Cllr JM advised that with no contract being discussed, 'Private and Confidential' was no longer applicable and did not exclude any member of the public from the meeting but discussed the following in an open forum.

- Discuss the following: Town Council to hold the freehold and lease to TCE

Cllr SR suggested that the town council are not in a position to do this. This statement was not opposed.

- Do nothing: District Council to continue to own the building but improve access

Cllr SR advised that this has been covered in item FC175 above.

- TCE to own the freehold

Cllr SR advised that Tuxford Community Events have already confirmed that they would like to explore working with the town council and approaching the district council together, as discussed above

- What information is required from the district council

Await a response once a letter of intent has been submitted

- Next Steps

A meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2022

- Setting a decision date

Date set to submit a letter of intent to the District Council of 05 December 2022.

**FC177 To Receive Items of Information**

There were no further items of information

**FC178 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 17 November 2022

The Chair thanked Councillors for their contributions to the meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE..... DATE .....