

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on THURSDAY 24th May 2012,
At 7pm in the St Laurence Room, Market Square, Winslow.

	<p>Present: Cllrs Monger, Barry, Castle, Chambers, , Gibbs, Knight, Payne, Reeve, and van de Poll and Wiseman Apologies: Cllrs Cawte, Eatwell and Wiseman (prior engagements) – accepted Also from BCC Cllr Rowlands Clerk: B Bradford Others: Laura Nankin of BCC Youth Services and 12 Members of the Public (mainly representing Youth Cafe and Playgroup interests) and 1 Member of the Press were present</p>
12/81	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting and, with the support of Members, immediately suspended standing orders to enable free and wide ranging debate regarding the conditions being required by BCC in relation to shared use of certain areas of the Youth Centre building – as outlined in the briefing papers circulated to all Members and public present, and the sole subject of this Extraordinary meeting.</p> <p><i>The background to the meeting was established:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC had advised the Youth Centre Management Committee (YCMC) that it was to go to tender for provision of Youth Services County wide, probably through a national organisation, but an invitation was extended to YCMCs to make a bid. • The tender process foundered and therefore Winslow YCMC proceeded to prepare a bid to continue to run services at the Centre and secure transition funding of up to £25,000 to deliver services for up to 5 years. • Council had become involved when the YCMC had found the conditions being imposed by BCC overly onerous and burdensome. • Council progressed to making a bid for £25,000 transition funding which has been accepted subject to agreement being reached on the detail of the proposed building alterations as well as presentation of an agreeable Lease and Service Contract (drafts have been discussed and issues identified). • The bid is based on maximising use of the building when not required for delivery of Youth Services in order to generate the approximately £10,000pa running costs. Any surplus generated can only be used to finance Youth Service delivery. • The bid comprises a subsidiary agreement with the emerging Friends of Winslow Youth Centre to fundraise, deliver and expand the Youth Services delivered from the building. • In order to maximise the income from the building, proposals to make alterations to the internal space had been put forward, which in the opinion of both Youth Cafe and Playgroup considerably improved the use of available space. • BCC had required that in addition to the whole of the first floor, Room 007 (office) must be available to Youth Services. This is agreed – whilst income from an exclusive office use would be lost, it would be set up for use as a meeting space for hire outside Youth Service Delivery times. • BCC further require that Youth Services have use of Room 011 (Lounge) i.e. that this room which will be Playgroup's primary space, is set up for shared use, with the requirement for a folding partition wall, which will cost in the region of £3,200. This would be additional to the likely cost of other alterations £20,000. • Playgroup is the primary user, and funder, for the building likely to contribute around 50% of running costs. • Existing Youth Service deliverers do not feel the need for this space on any regular basis. <p>Laura Nankin was invited to present her view of the situation and advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding has been earmarked, pending agreement of the alterations • BCC cannot fund alterations but are prepared to allow the alterations to be undertaken by WTC provided a folding partition wall is added. • BCC require Youth Services to have use of this space (Room 011), not necessarily for youth services being delivered at present, but also to provide for future expansion of delivery. • Her position was non-negotiable. <p>Representations were made by Youth Cafe committee members, Playgroup Leader and committee members, a Youth Cafe user as well as other members of the public. The recurring theme was that the folding partition condition is unreasonable, unnecessarily onerous on Playgroup (the main tenant) and a waste of public money.</p> <p>Ultimately a compromise was reached: That Room 011 could be requested to be available for use by Youth Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if reasonable notice is given • would be made available by way of clearing all equipment to the area Room 013 and use of the room dividers currently used in the upstairs room for the same purpose • that the situation would be reviewed at a meeting to be attended by all parties (BCC, WTC, FWYC and WPPG) meeting no more than 1 year hence <p>8.10pm Meeting reconvened All Members of the public and BCC left the meeting.</p>

<p>12/82</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: Personal: Cllr Castle - as an officer of Friends of Winslow Youth Centre</p>
<p>12/83</p>	<p>Having noted in particular the following aspects of the Clerk & Chairman’s report to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the building would not resolve WTC’s possible future need for alternative office and accommodation • That there will be significant staffing implications • That there will be significant commitment requirements for Councillors to be involved in management of the facility and services • That WTC might ultimately assume responsibility for commissioning some or all Youth Services delivered from the building • That WTC might ultimately have to fund youth service delivery through precept • That WTC might have to stand the whole running costs of the building in the initial stages. <p>Members (with the exception of Cllrs Castle and Monger who agreed they were too closely involved to vote on the issue) RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking on the Lease of Winslow Youth Centre from BCC • Signing a Service Contract with BCC in relation to Youth Service Delivery • Entering a formal agreement with Friends of Winslow Youth Centre to fundraise and deliver Youth Services from the Youth Centre • Financing the alterations to the building from Reserves <p>On the understanding that initial shortfalls in rental income and service delivery fundraising from Reserves may commit Council to further expenditure from Reserves which it was felt could at present be achieved without detriment to other service delivery in the coming year.</p>
<p>8.30pm</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Having noted that the Chairman and Clerk would be unavailable for the next scheduled Council meeting on 7th June, RESOLVED to proceed on schedule with deputies officiating.</p> <p><i>Meeting Closed</i></p>
	<p>Signed: (Chairman) at Meeting (date):</p>