



27th January 2022

Dear Councillor,

A Meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm** on **Tuesday 1st February 2022** at Pye Green Community Centre.

You are invited to attend for consideration of the matters shown on the attached agenda.

Members of the public can attend the meeting in person and also have the option of joining remotely via the Zoom link. Members of the public may ask questions in the public participation section of the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting at link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82623239486?pwd=ZkhGQUhFRGFJbDErV2lEUjZoMlhQdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 2323 9486

Passcode: 203550

Yours sincerely

Michelle Baker
Operations and Regeneration Manager
Proper Officer and Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to address the Council and ask questions before the meeting begins.

Additionally, County and District Councillors and local PCSO (if present).



HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING

1ST FEBRUARY 2022, 7PM

*To be held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford
The public are invited to attend the meeting in person and by Zoom
The meeting will live stream on the Council Facebook page*

AGENDA

Public Participation

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

The first business of the Council will be the election of a Mayor.

3. Elections

- I. Election for the position of Mayor.
*Necessary following the resignation of Cllr Emma Hunneyball in January 2022.
The newly elected Mayor to sign a declaration of acceptance of office form.*
- II. Election for the position of Deputy Mayor.
Subject to vacancy of Deputy Mayor and contingent on outcome of above vote.

4. Minutes

- I. To review and approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th December 2021 (enclosed agenda pages 6 to 9), these were uploaded to the HTC website on 10th January 2022.

5. Mayor's Announcements

- I. Departure of Cllr Emma Hunneyball.
- II. Two Councillor vacancies.
CCDC confirmed that Hednesford Town Council double election will be held on 10th March 2022. HTC will be required to fund the cost of a double election £5,500.00, plus (optional) poll cards at £2,750.00. This cost is incurred if more than two candidates stand. If only two individuals stand, both candidates would simply be 'elected' without contest and this would be effective following the close of the nomination period, there would be no cost to HTC.

III. Hednesford In Partnership

Letters of thanks have been received to acknowledge the Council's support during 2021: Summer Festival and Christmas lights switch on event (enclosed agenda pack pages 10 to 11).

6. HTC Committees x 3

I. To consider the following Motion submitted by Clerk / Proper Officer Michelle Baker:

Proposed that Hednesford Town Council consider the following addition to the existing Committee Terms of Reference (applicable to all three Committees):

Attendance by Members

Any Councillor not being a Member of a Committee may attend any meeting of the Committee but their right to participate in the meeting will be equal to the public's right to do so.

II. To Appoint New Committee Members

This is relevant for three Councillors:

- (New) Mayor – to be formally appointed to FPOPS Committee
- Cllr Darrell Mawle – is not currently a member of a Committee
- Cllr Arthur Roden – is not currently a member of a Committee

Current Committee membership:

<u>Regeneration & Community Committee</u>	<u>Finance, Personnel & Operations Committee</u>	<u>Pye Green Community Centre Committee</u>
1. Cllr Paul Woodhead (Chair)	1. Cllr Sharon Jagger (Chair)	1. Cllr Debbie Cartwright (Chair)
2. Cllr Mandy Dunnett	2. Cllr Garry Jones	2. Cllr Kathryn Downs
3. Cllr Kathryn Downs	3. Cllr Paul Woodhead	3. Cllr Mandy Dunnett
4. VACANCY	4. Mayor – formally appoint new Mayor to Committee	4. VACANCY

III. PGCC Committee meeting times

To consider the following Motion submitted by Cllr Debbie Cartwright, Chair of Pye Green Community Centre:

Proposed that Hednesford Town Council consider that the day and time of the Pye Green Community Centre (PGCC) Committee meetings is changed from Tuesdays at 7pm to Mondays at 7pm. There are two meetings scheduled for this financial year which will be affected and these are:

-Tuesday 22nd February 7pm change to Monday 21st February 7pm

-Tuesday 29th March 7pm change to Monday 28th March 7pm

Existing PGCC Committee members have confirmed they can attend on the proposed day / time.

7. Poll Cards

To consider the following Motion submitted by Clerk / Proper Officer Michelle Baker:

Proposed that Hednesford Town Council consider that CCDC have confirmed that there will be a double election on 10th March 2022 for the two Councillor vacancies.

CCDC have stated that poll cards are optional and would incur a cost to Hednesford Town Council of £2,750.00.

Poll cards tell people when to vote and at which polling station, you can vote without a polling card and it is not the ballot paper.

It must be noted that the election and poll cards are only required if 3 or more people stand for the 2 vacancies; if 2 stand then there will not be an election.

It is proposed that, in the event of more than two candidates standing for election, the Council does opt for poll cards to be issued to inform the electorate and remain open and transparent of the process.

8. Update from the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

- I. Q3 variance report and bank reconciliation (sent with agenda pack).
- II. Setting the Precept for 2022/23
Different options to be discussed and the recommendation from the Finance, Personnel and Operations Committee to be considered.
The recommendation of the Committee is to not increase the Precept per household. As there are further properties in Hednesford (since 2021/22) there will be a small increase to the Precept of £5,000 per annum.
- III. 2022/23 (draft) Council budget with two financial scenarios (lease assigned and lease not assigned and therefore PGCC to remain as HTC responsibility).
- IV. To consider the following Motion:

It is proposed that Hednesford Town Council appoint an internal auditor. The recommendation of the Finance, Personnel and Operations Committee is that after considering three written quotes that Full Council approve their recommendation to appoint Viv Evans on the SSPA Internal Auditors List at a cost of £75 for an interim audit and £75 for an end of year audit.

9. Items from the Operations and Regeneration Manager / Clerk and Proper Officer

- I. Update on events and activities Jan to March.
- II. Paper for decision on CIL funding: litter bins and snow grit bins (enclosed pages 12 to 15).
- III. Update on PGCC lease assignment.
- IV. Update on breach of confidentiality (in December 2021).
- V. Standing Orders
Conforming to Standing Order Section 14 (a), Full Council are to be notified that complaints have been made to the CCDC Monitoring Officer relating to the conduct of three HTC Councillors. The District Council Monitoring Officer has reviewed the complaints and confirmed that he will not refer the complaint for formal investigation and did not intend to take any further action.
- VI. Formal request from Chase Lighthouse (enclosed agenda pack page 16).

10. Reports from Committee Chairs, Principal Speakers and Councillors

I. Public concerns regarding PGCC Lease Assignment - Cllr Kathryn Downs

Public acknowledgement of the public petition with 1,453 signatures (scanned and sent by email to Cllrs) and emails received from the public (enclosed pages 23 to 34) with names redacted for confidentiality.

Discuss next steps / course of action that Councillors may wish to take in light of public feeling.

II. Standing Orders

To consider the following Motion proposed by Cllr Kathryn Downs:

Members of this Council understand and appreciate the value that Standing Orders and the Councillor Code of Conduct bring to help ensure robust debate of Council business, while ensuring mutual respect of fellow Councillors, good practice while Charing Meetings and Committees and respect for the associated role of the Proper Officer.

This Council resolves to reaffirm its commitment to the current Councillor Code of Conduct and Standing Orders, and each Member will be reissued with a copy to review and adhere to.

III. Principle Speaker for Planning – Cllr Sharon Jagger

To note the attached list of planning applications (enclosed agenda pack page 17).

IV. Community Officer role

To consider the following Motion proposed by Cllr Arthur Roden:

Hednesford Town Council has not had a Community Officer in post since mid-June 2021. This has resulted in a considerable saving for the Council and in an effort to save further funds I move that the Council discontinue advertising the role of Community Officer at a cost of £24,982.00 pro rata (working 15 hours per week) plus employer on-costs and pension contributions with immediate effect and explore how else these funds could better be spent in the community.

V. Councillor Community Surgery – new for 2022

To consider the following Motion proposed by Cllr Debbie Cartwright (enclosed agenda pack pages 18 to 20).

VI. CCTV Statistics (agenda pack pages 21 to 22).

To consider the following Motion submitted by Cllr Paul Woodhead:

Proposed that Hednesford Town Council formally invite CCDC Community Safety and Vulnerability Officer Duncan Rollo and Police Inspector to meet with all Councillors in March or April to discuss the monthly CCTV report and the potential / options for partnership working going forward.

Items for Information and next agenda

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Private and Confidential Business

11. RFO Vacancy

Recommendation from FPOPS Committee to recruit a locum RFO for a 6 month period.



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 19:00

**Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford.
Members of the public were invited to attend in person and online via Zoom.
The meeting was also live streamed to the Council Facebook page.**

Present:

Cllr Emma Hunneyball (Mayor)
Cllr Kathryn Downs (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Garry Jones
Cllr Laura Harrison
Cllr Mandy Dunnett
Cllr Paul Woodhead
Cllr Sharon Jagger

In Attendance:

Officers: Michelle Baker (Operations and Regeneration Manager / Proper Officer), Ginetta Adams (Community Centre and Administration Officer), Sandie Morris (Responsible Finance Officer RFO).

Members of Public:

14 members of the public attended. Local Police were also in attendance.

Public Participation:

Cllr Kathryn Downs read out a statement to the public addressing the online abuse that Councillors had been subjected to in recent days, summarising the good work that had been achieved by the Council over the past 18 months and reinforcing the message that we should all be kind and respectful of one another. The statement addressed the public anger following the leak of confidential information surrounding the lease of Pye Green Community Centre.

Mayor Emma Hunneyball explained to the members of the public present in the room and online that a confidential Council paper had been leaked to the public prior to Council having the opportunity to discuss and resolve. This leak had led to the interest surrounding the Council meeting and Mayor Hunneyball confirmed that the Council would answer as many questions as they could during the public section of the meeting.

This was followed by a lively question and answer session with questions from the public regarding the future of Pye Green Community Centre and the Council Paper to be discussed in private business tonight.

Councillors confirmed that they wished to dispel rumours circulating online and said they could confirm that all options contained within the confidential Council Paper to be discussed this evening retained Pye Green Community Centre as a local community centre and they also confirmed that no organisation was being granted sole hire of the centre.

Any questions relating directly to the detailed contents of the confidential Council Paper could not be answered as the Paper had not yet been considered, discussed or debated by Council and to do so would breach Standing Orders.

1. Apologies – Cllr Darrell Mawle due to holiday.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Debbie Cartwright advised that she had submitted a formal request to the Council which will be read out by Michelle Baker on her behalf in relation to agenda item 6.i. Cllr Cartwright also advised that in respect to agenda item 10, Chase Lighthouse (an organisation she had co-founded) were users of Pye Green Community Centre (PGCC) and that she wished to raise a declaration of interest. Mayor Emma Hunneyball advised that she also wished to raise a declaration of interest in respect of agenda item 10 which she would discuss further in private business.

3. Minutes. To review and approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2021.

Cllr Debbie Cartwright and Cllr Laura Harrison said they would like it publicly noted that they would have preferred that the PGCC hirers were consulted reference the item in private business.

The Task Force members requested it to be noted that this would not have been possible whilst complying with the Council's duty of care as an employer and it would have been at high risk of having a prejudicial impact on the commercial operations of the community centre.

Cllr Arthur Roden requested that it be noted that he had been excluded from the vote on the item in private business as he was asked to leave the meeting, due to his conduct in the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Mandy Dunnett

Seconded Cllr Garry Jones

Resolved by unanimous vote (9 votes), minutes approved.

4. Mayor's Announcements

I. Christmas lights switch on event. – Mayor Emma Hunneyball congratulated all involved in organising the event and said it had been hugely successful with a combination of market traders, community stalls, school choirs and attractions such as stilt walkers and illuminated fairies.

II. Cancelled November Farmers and Craft Market due to weather. – It was unfortunate that November's market had to cancel due to heavy snow.

III. Next Market Sat 11th December with snow globe. – The life-size snow globe will feature at our next market which is free for visitors to come and have their photo taken inside, the Nutcracker trail is also in town.

IV. Opening of The Village pub. - Mayor Emma Hunneyball said she was honoured to be asked to open this new venue in town, which intends to host a range of events.

V. Fireworks panto. – The local charity Fireworks that supports children's mental health and wellbeing have organised a free pantomime for the local community. Due to the snow on Saturday it was cancelled and moved to the Sunday with Mayor Hunneyball in attendance.

Extra Item – Mayor Emma Hunneyball attended a carol concert hosted by Hednesford Town Football Club which was a wonderful event with the Salvation Army also participating.

5. Update from the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

I. Draft budget 2022 / 23 and precept deadline. – A draft budget has been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting and necessitated feedback from Councillors. Sandie Morris said the Council is awaiting the estimated precept figure from Cannock Chase District Council and once received this will be added to the budget.

6. Items from the Operations and Regeneration Manager

I. Formal request received from Chase Lighthouse – Michelle Baker read out the formal request from Cllr Debbie Cartwright on behalf of Chase Lighthouse, requesting permission to use Pye Green Community Centres reception area for the community food table every

Sunday during the winter months to prevent service users having to wait outside in the cold. Cllr Debbie Cartwright agreed that if granted, she would not leave the area unattended until the key holder (staff) returned to lock up when the dance class had finished and that she would work around current hirers so as not to create additional work for the keyholder.

Proposed Cllr Laura Harrison

Seconded Cllr Arthur Roden

Resolved permission given by 8 votes, Cllr Paul Woodhead abstained.

II. Verbal update on events. – Michelle Baker advised that the life-size Snow Globe will be in town for free photo opportunities on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th December, this has been funded by the EU Welcome Back fund. The final Farmers and Craft market of the year will be held this Saturday 11th December.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs, Principal Speakers and Councillors

I. Planning – Cllr Sharon Jagger to note the attached list of planning applications

(enclosed agenda page 8 to 9). – The paper is contained within the agenda pack and has been forwarded to Cannock Chase District Council.

II. Cllr Emma Hunneyball Paper on Bleed Kits will be deferred to next Council meeting.

– Postponed to the next Full Council meeting.

III. Cllr Laura Harrison Paper for a Miners Memorial Grant will be deferred to next Council meeting. - Postponed to the next Full Council meeting.

8. Items for Information and next agenda

Cllr Sharon Jagger requested that 'Railway Station Update' was added to the next agenda.

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

9. Private and Confidential Business

Abbreviated minutes detailing the salient points only due to the item being held in private business and confidential matters discussed.

Mayor Emma Hunneyball raised a declaration of interest as her child is a member of the Scouts. Cllr Debbie Cartwright raised a declaration of interest as an organisation she had co-founded (Chase Lighthouse) utilised Pye Green Community Centre.

Both were confirmed as a declaration of interest and not a conflict of interest.

Cllr Kathryn Downs presented the confidential Paper on Pye Green Community Centre. The four options presented in the Council Paper were thoroughly discussed for around one hour.

Cllr Laura Harrison stated that she would like there to be an amendment to one of the options, to offer current hirers the opportunity to tender for the running of the centre.

Councillors stated that this request could have been seriously considered had the disclosure of confidential Council papers not occurred and that unfortunately the breach meant that staff and hirers were now experiencing misinformation and anxiety to the extent that a prolonged tender process could be irrecoverably damaging to all parties; this was regrettable given the public views heard.

Vote on amendment to wording in Option 1

Proposed Cllr Laura Harrison

Seconded Cllr Debbie Cartwright

Voted to approve amendment to wording in Option 1 approved by majority.

Cllr Kathryn Downs read the Council Paper's recommendation, Option 2 which was:

Council approves the transfer of the PGCC lease to 1st Hednesford Scouts, relocation of the Council to Hednesford Library or other town centre location, and implementation of homeworking in April 2022, subject to legal and contractual discourse. Additionally, that Finance, Personnel and Operations (FPOps) Committee is tasked with reviewing the remit and budget implications of retaining the Operations & Regeneration Manager and Community Centre and Administration Officer, with a view to no overall reduction in hours/salary.

Proposed Cllr Kathryn Downs

Seconded Cllr Garry Jones

Voted for

Mayor Cllr Emma Hunneyball, Cllr Kathryn Downs, Cllr Mandy Dunnett, Cllr Sharon Jagger, Cllr Garry Jones, Cllr Paul Woodhead.

Voted against Cllr Debbie Cartwright, Cllr Laura Harrison, Cllr Arthur Roden.

Resolved by 6 votes in favour of recommendation Option 2.

MEETING END.



Hednesford in Partnership
c/o Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Hednesford
Cannock
Staffordshire
WS12 4EP

28th August 2021

Fao: Mayor, Emma Hunneyball
Hednesford Town Council
Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Hednesford
Staffordshire
WS12 4EP

Dear Mayor,

Re: Hednesford Summer Festival 2021

We hope that you enjoyed the Hednesford Summer Festival on the 14th August. I'm sure you would agree it was a fantastic day enjoyed by many from our community. We were extremely pleased with the turnout and the positive feedback that has been received about the event from the public, the traders and local community groups and Charities who attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hednesford Town Council for their support of this annual event. Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to you for agreeing to officially open the event in your role as Mayor of Hednesford Town Council.

Secondly, we would like to thank the Town Councillors for their continued support of the event by agreeing to provide the £3000 of funding towards the cost of the event this year. We very much appreciate the financial support from the Town Council and the opportunities this provided us to deliver a well-managed, extremely successful, but most of all enjoyable event for our community.

We would also like to give special thanks to Town Councillors Paul Woodhead and Kathryn Downs who supported the running of the event on the day. Again, their support was very much appreciated and contributed to the success of the day.

We would be grateful if our message of thanks could be included in your Mayors address at the next Town Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Shaun Middleton, Lynn Evans, Lesley Yates, and Harriet Yates



Hednesford in Partnership
c/o Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
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8th December 2021

Fao: Mayor, Emma Hunneyball
Hednesford Town Council
Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Hednesford
Staffordshire
WS12 4EP

Dear Mayor,

Re: Hednesford Christmas Lights Event 2021

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas Lights Event on Friday 3rd December. I'm sure you would agree it was a fantastic event and brought a truly wonderful atmosphere to the Town. We were extremely pleased with the turnout and the support from the local schools. There has been some very positive feedback about the event from the public, the traders and local community groups and Charities who attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hednesford Town Council for their support of this annual event. We very much appreciate the financial support the Town Council secured from the EU post Covid regeneration fund to pay for the hire of the PA equipment, the light wands and the street entertainers. The Christmas fairies were totally mesmerising and were extremely popular with the visitors. The funding of the PA allowed us to deliver a professional sound quality for the compares, the choir and the entertainers which really added to the event. By working in partnership with the Town Council, Hednesford Lions, The Friends of Hednesford Community Volunteers, Friends of Hednesford Park and the local schools we were able to deliver a well-managed, extremely successful, and most importantly of all, a really enjoyable Christmas celebration event for our community.

There is a short video of choir section of the event on our facebook page which you my want to share with other Town Councillors. <https://fb.watch/9NGhQK69ZK/>

We would also like to give special thanks to Town Councillor Paul Woodhead and the Market managers, Paul and Stuart who supported the running of the event on the day. Again, their support was very much appreciated and contributed to the success of the day.

We would be grateful if our message of thanks could be included in your Mayors address at the next Town Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Shaun Middleton, Lynn Evans, Lesley Yates, and Harriet Yates
The Hednesford in Partnership Management Committee

Report To:	Full Council	Date:	25.01.2022
Title:	Litter bins and snow grit bins for Hednesford		
Anticipated Time:	10 Minutes	Action:	For Decision
Confidentiality:	Public	Priority:	High Priority

Summary
<p>Local residents have expressed concerns at the lack of litter bins along Pye Green Road – namely next to the bus stop and by the field adjacent to the new estate. This has resulted in residents in Pye Green litter picking weekly for years when it could be resolved by the installation of a litter bin. There is an ongoing issue of people discarding dog waste bags in the field and on the pathway which could be addressed by signage and litter bin.</p> <p>Residents have also expressed concerns at the lack of snow grit bins across Hednesford, in the winter weather this results in areas being impassable by car and leading to slips and falls within the town centre.</p> <p>Hednesford Town Council has contacted Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire County Council. They do not have the funds to resolve and purchase litter bins and snow grit bins this however they are able to assist if Hednesford Town Council funds the items required.</p>

Recommendation(s)
<p>Hednesford Town Council holds CIL funding (Community Infrastructure Levy) that could fund improvements in Hednesford such as new litter bins and snow grit bins.</p> <p>Is recommended that Hednesford Town Council reinvest the CIL funds (raised from developers) back into the local community to address their needs and allocate 10% of the current funds held (£8,000) with the purchase of 6 litter bins and 6 snow grit bins.</p> <p>CIL is a levy that Councils can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want.</p>

Relevant Issues and Implications	
Financial	CIL funds currently stand at £80,000.00 and the proposed project would earmark 10% of this.
Value For Money	Yes
Risk & Control	Hednesford Town Council would be responsible for replenishing the snow grit bins as required.

Health & Safety	None
Legal	The snow grit bins could be insured by Hednesford Town Council as the legal owner. The litter bins would be owned by Cannock Chase District Council.
Human Resources	None
Equal Opportunities	None
People (Public, Centre Users and Councillors)	None

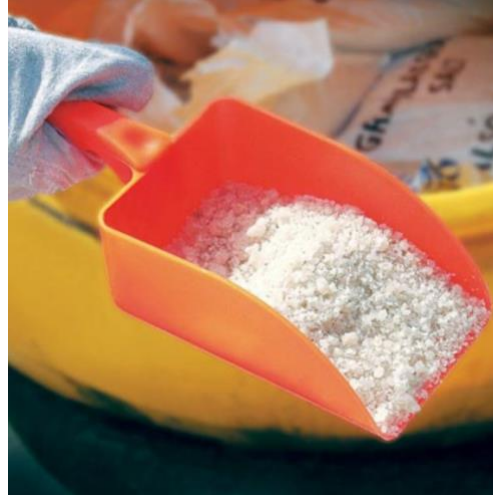
1.	Introduction
1.1	<p>Local residents have expressed concerns at the lack of litter bins along Pye Green Road – namely next to the bus stop and by the field by the new estate. This has resulted in residents in Pye Green litter picking weekly for years when it could be resolved by the installation of a litter bin.</p> <p>There is an ongoing issue of people discarding dog waste bags in the field and on the pathway which could be addressed by signage and litter bin.</p> <p>Residents have also expressed concerns at the lack of snow grit bins across Hednesford, making areas impassable by car and leading to slips and falls within the town centre.</p> <p>Hednesford Town Council has contacted Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire County Council. They do not have the funds to resolve this however they are able to assist if Hednesford Town Council funds the items required.</p>
2.	Proposal
2.1	<p>Hednesford Town Council holds CIL funding (Community Infrastructure Levy) that could fund improvements in Hednesford such as new litter bins and snow grit bins.</p> <p>It is recommended that Hednesford Town Council reinvest the CIL funds (raised from developers) back into the local community to address their needs and allocate 10% of this (£8,000) with the purchase of 6 litter bins and 6 snow grit bins. Total anticipated costs would be £7,306.00.</p> <p>CIL is a levy that Councils can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want.</p>

3.	Options
3.1	Approve expenditure of 10% of CIL funds held by Hednesford Town Council for this project to fund 6 litter bins and 6 snow grit bins in Hednesford, working with Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire County Council to agree suitable install locations.
3.2	Reject the proposal.
4.	Conclusion
	CIL funding is to be reinvested back into communities and this would be a valuable project that would directly benefit the area and residents.
5.	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Proposed that Hednesford Town Council approve the scheme and allocate 10% of the £85,000 CIL funds to this project and reinvest back into the community on items the public are requesting. This would be a trial project comprising of 6 litter bins and 6 snow grit bins and would be evaluated after completion to identify further areas that could benefit from such items.

Appendices
Images of litter bins Images of snow grit bins

For more information on this proposal please contact:
Michelle Baker, Operations and Regeneration Manager Michelle.baker@hednesford-tc.gov.uk

Snow Grit Bins - Cost



- Grit bin £258.00
 - Shovel £6.70
 - Free delivery
 - Hednesford Town Council to install and refill
- 6 sites = £1,588.20 total**

Staffordshire County Council confirmed:

In terms of salt/ grit this is something you would have to arrange yourselves, we are unable to supply salt/ grit for private grit bins. We currently have around 3,000 bins on the highway network which is a resource intensive task to address.

Parish / Town councils tend to use a different colour to the standard yellow or have them marked as Parish / Town Council bins.

Should you wish to place grit bins on the public highway that is fine and we will meet and agree the sites in advance of install.

Litter Bins – Cost



- Litter bin (includes for dog waste) £599 each
 - Delivery £54.00
 - £300 new base CCDC
- 6 sites total £5,718.00**



26th January 2022

Dear Clerk,

A member of our Parish has recently lost their daughter, following short illness.

Chase Lighthouse would like Hednesford Town Council to consider awarding a small grant to Chase Lighthouse in order for us to directly assist the child's single parent and provide financial support to help them through this incredibly difficult time.

The funding would be put towards funeral costs and also to help the parent to rebuild their life, Chase Lighthouse would administer the grant and directly assist the parent in their time of need.

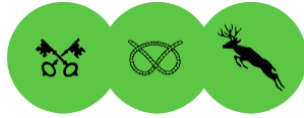
I hope that Hednesford Town Council view this request with kind-heartedness and compassion and use their discretionary grant fund of £1,000 for this exceptional and distressing case that would directly benefit a grieving member of our local community here in Hednesford.

I can confirm that I have permission from the parent to bring this matter to your attention.

Kind regards

Debbie Cartwright

CHASE LIGHTHOUSE



January 2022 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS & COMMENT/RESPONSE

** Planning Applications lodged with Cannock Chase District Council can be found at:
<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/cannock>

APPLICATION REF	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	RESPONSE
CH/22/0004	Type of Application: Full Planning Application Location: 183, Station Road, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 4DP Description: The installation of a Sharman X510 radio antenna (5.2m long) on a LMA-L (10m) Portable Telescopic Mast (currently set to (7.5m approx.) in the back garden of the property.	
CH/22/0014	Resubmission of CH/21/0438 Location: 35 Greenwood Park, Pye Green, Cannock, WS12 4DQ Proposed Development: Two x two storey side extensions and a single storey rear extension to create (in part) a self-contained 1 bedroom annex and other domestic extensions to the host dwelling.	
CH/22/0018	Location: 54, Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 1AG Description: Alternations to upper floors to create 4 residential units.	Above "News & Booze" shop [next to Daisychain] Do any NP policies affect this application?
CH/21/0020	Resubmission of CH/21/0389 Location: 7, Chancery Drive, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 4RE Ground floor front extension with first floor side extension above.	

Report To:	Full Council	Date:	25.01.2022
Title:	Regular Councillors Community Surgery		
Anticipated Time:	5 Minutes	Action:	For Decision
Confidentiality:	Public	Priority:	High Priority

Summary
I propose we organise regular Councillor Community Surgeries, at least one a month, at best twice, for the community to come and have conversations with their ward councillors.

Recommendation(s)
That HTC hold regular Councillor Community Surgeries at Pye Green Community Centre at least once a month, for the community to come and speak with their councillors and discuss local issues and concerns.

Relevant Issues and Implications	
Financial	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Value For Money	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Risk & Control	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Health & Safety	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Legal	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Human Resources	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>
People (Public, Centre Users and Councillors)	<i>No relevant issues or implications identified</i>

1.	Introduction
1.1	<i>After many conversations around the proposition of a Councillor Community Surgery not coming to fruition, I would now like to put it into action with immediate effect. I propose a surgery to be held on the first Thursday of each month, commencing Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 6pm to 7pm, to be held at Pye Green Community Centre, going forward, more surgeries can be included more regularly if required. Cllr Arthur Roden and myself have already discussed and agreed to attend, and start the ball rolling with these events.</i>
1.2	
2.	Proposal
2.1	I propose that all councillors consider joining Cllr Roden and myself in the Councillors Community Surgeries.
2.2	<i>Use a separate row for each paragraph.</i>
3.	Options
3.1	<i>To carry the proposition with immediate effect.</i>
3.2	<i>Use a separate row for each option.</i>
4.	Conclusion
4.1	<i>I would like to see Councillor Community Surgeries for our Community to access their voted in Ward Councillors with immediate effect, enabling our parish to have open and honest conversations with us. Questions raised can be discussed at the surgery or in the event that a councillor cannot answer the question directly, they can return to the member of the parish with a reply by email or at the next surgery.</i>
4.2	
5.	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<i>To carry the proposal with immediate effect.</i>

5.2

Appendices

Example poster of a Councillor Community Surgery, which I am happy to create one for HTC Community Surgeries.

For more information on this proposal please contact:

Debbie Cartwright

EXAMPLE ARTWORK





Dear

Re: CCTV Monitoring Hednesford Town Council

Please see attached statistical information collated from CCTV within the month of December 2021

LOGGED INCIDENTS	Dec	Nov	Oct
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (INC. DISTURBANCE AND DRUNKENESS)	10	14	5
ASSAULTS	0	1	0
AUTOCRIME (INC. THEFT OF/FROM MOTOR VEHICLES)	1	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE (INC. GRAFFITI)	1	0	1
COVID BREACH			
DOMESTIC INCIDENTS	0	0	0
DRUG RELATED ACTIVITY (INC. POTENTIAL COUNTY LINES)	22	18	2
KEEP IN VIEW (KIV) / OBSERVATIONS	4	0	2
MISSING PERSONS	0	0	1
MONITOR	32	35	4
OTHER	1	1	2
ROBBERY	0	0	0
ROUGH SLEEPERS	0	0	0
SHOPLIFTING	4	1	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	59	12	1
TRAFFIC	18	19	9
WELFARE CHECK / (HEALTH & SAFETY)	0	0	0
WEAPON	0	1	0
OTHER	1	1	0
TOTAL	153	103	28
COMMUNICATIONS AND MONITORING			
AREAS MONITORED	219	225	217
AMOUNT OF TIMES WE CONTACTED POLICE	11	8	2
AMOUNT OF TIMES POLICE CONTACTED US	8	8	7
IR (OVERHEARD BY CCTV - POLICE CALL OUT TO ALL CHANNEL USERS)	0	0	0
AMOUNT OF TIMES WE CONTACTED OTHER PARTNERS (LICENSED PREMISES, STORES ETC.)	10	10	2
AMOUNT OF TIMES OTHER PARTNERS (LICENSED PREMISES, STORES ETC.) CONTACTED US	10	10	2
IMPACT ON SERVICE			

NUMBER OF CAMERA FAULTS	1	1	0
RECORDING DAYS LOST TO CAMERA FAULTS	0	0	0

Drug related activity

This area has again increased with numerous observations of drug dealing or activity believed to be connected to drugs.

This is the increase dramatically in suspicious behaviour.

All activity has been reported to the police and there is ongoing investigations.

ASB

Still have an increase of parking issues on the pavement a lot of footage of this collected and passed to the police.

We had several calls from licenced premises about drunken behaviour in the evenings all have been monitored and police called if required.

Other

Drop in ASB activity around the park which I believe is down to more regular patrols by PCSO's but will continue to monitor.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns, or if there is anything, we can assist Hednesford/Hednesford Town Council with.

Kind regards,

Michael Bristow

CCTV Operator

**EMAILS RECEIVED REHARDING PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
LEASE ASSIGNMENT**

24TH JANUARY 2022

Good morning all,

I am writing in response to the proposed plans for Pye Green Community Centre. I wish to highlight some of the benefits of having a community centre that is accessible to so many. As a resident of Hednesford, I fully appreciate the benefits that a facility like this affords our community. A community centre offers a meeting point and an opportunity for the residents to unite. As individuals we all have our own needs, our own likes and our own agendas, but a community centre allows us to share these and connect with others.

Members of our community earn their living based on activities that they provide for others in our community and the surrounding area.

The community centre offers a venue to hold meetings, social events and celebrations. As you are aware after contacting other venues in this area, available facilities are in short supply.

The community centre is an accessible space for people to receive the help and support they need, i.e. food bank / mother and baby groups.

The community centre is offering a safe space for our younger people. It offers an opportunity for enrichment with the kick boxing classes for example. Some of our more vulnerable and SEND youngsters access the centre and to change the venue could be detrimental to their well being and that of their families.

The community centre means a lot to so many people for so many reasons. In a time when mental health and loneliness are so prevalent and so many people are struggling to make ends meet, I feel it is a travesty to take away such a facility.

I have been moved by the passion and devotion that the people of Hednesford have shown in response to the proposed changes. We live in a democracy and we all have a right to voice our opinions. If we are asked our opinion and a debate follows, rather than being told what will happen then the outcome is often the right one, hence why I have written to you today.

Opinions vary, but I am a firm believer that the community centre is a community asset. If, as a resident of Hednesford I am paying for it now, then I am happy to continue to pay for it. We have to look to the future, and none of us has a crystal ball to predict which decisions are right or wrong. However, the worldwide pandemic that has changed how we live day to day has demonstrated the need to work together and to communicate. Is this the time to remove a key facility from our community? Does this proposal need more consideration?

I am unsure if this email will have any impact, but I do hope that you take the time to read it and reflect.

I thank you for your time

Yours sincerely

(NAME REDACTED)

19TH JANUARY 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the planned closure of Pye Green community centre.

I would like to have my say.

Myself, my family and friends have all used, and are still using the community centres facilities. We have all used this establishment for various activities that are ran within the centre. We (myself, family and friends) are currently using these premises for the dog training classes that are held on an evening.

I have previously used this centre for dance classes, fitness classes and for family parties and functions.

As I mentioned previously, I currently use these premises for dog training, and if the centre were to close these classes, it would devastate my family. My family would not be able to

give my dog the training that we need. It's been a saving grace for my family and I have made life long friends from attending and if these classes (and other classes within Pye Green Community). If this were to change, it would be detrimental to so many families. Being a part of the community has given my family a boost of confidence and community spirit. Which I fear will be lost if this were to be taken away from us. Please consider what will be lost if this were to closed to the public!

Kindest regards,
(NAME REDACTED)

19TH JANUARY 2022

Dear All,

I am hoping that my message reaches you well.

Please consider changing the decision to close PGCC evening classes. I use these facilities, and they have been life changing. My family use the evening classes twice weekly for puppy training (ran by Chasin Tails) without their help, im not sure i could have trained my dog to be as well behaved as he is.

The classes are not just for my dog, they are for me too, i enjoy socialising with the community and have made friends along the way.

It was upsetting to hear that these classes would no longer be taking place.

But, it would be amazing news to hear that this decision could be overturned.

(NAME REDACTED)

23RD JANUARY 2022

To whom it may concern having lived in this community most of my life and hearing of the the proposals to hand over the lease of the community centre to the Scouts has angered and disappointed me. Angered because my business is affected ,but that's not the main reason, the affect that you will have on the people who come to the centre to participate activities such as as a kickboxing dancing dog training will have an adverse effect right through the community. I could carry this conversation on for hours but I'm going to give you examples of the people we help. 14-year old girl super quiet not confident we slowly worked with her building her confidence and surprisingly she moved forward even doing the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme unfortunately now I am going to have to tell her that she won't be able to complete it , another one of our young girls who came as a 12-year old who was angry with the world now at 13 she has Focus she has respect for others and and looking forward to becoming a dog trainer, I wonder if you want to tell her that she won't be able to continue anymore ,would you like to tell your child that. And all the older members of our group who walk down to the centre with there dogs a lot of of the time the only socialisation they get. This is a community centre for the community do not take that away from them change your decision

regards

(NAME REDACTED)

19TH JANUARY 2022

Good evening i am contacting you in regards to the use of my local community centre.

I have lived in Pye Green for the last 44 years and as a family we have used the centre many many times from when I was a little girl having birthday parties, using the centre during the holidays for clubs and activities.

During adulthood and having a family ourselves we have hired the centre out 9 times for parties in the afternoon for our children and also the evenings for parties and wedding receptions.

From hearing the centre may not be available in the evenings in the future has quite upset us. As a whole family we own 11 houses in Pye Green and over the years must have used this local venue hundreds of times.

My family alone still use the centre every week, we regularly attend the weight watchers group during the days, in the evenings my neice attends the dance class, both my children have gained confidence while learning how to kick box both of which have reached their black belt grade and I myself have attended the dog training club for the last 5 years where I have used it for my own mental health growth and the social aspects of meeting people with similar interests as myself.

I decided to contact you to ask you to please think again before you make the decision to keep the centre for the local residents and to be available to all people at all times of the day / evenings to continue to be for the community as and when we as a community need it.
(NAME REDACTED)

21ST JANUARY 2022

Hi,

Thank you for giving this subject your 2nd thoughts.

It is my understanding that the community centre belongs to the community as a whole in equal measure and should not be given any priority to any other group.

Community centres across the country rarely break even, let alone make money. Especially during a pandemic.

They are there to provide valuable and affordable space for the WHOLE community for an infinite number of reasons to come together for mutual activities.

This link explains it best:

<https://www.club-insure.co.uk/community-centres-important/>

It is particularly important for the communities mental health in a massive way during the re-opening and coming back together of society while we all learn to live with covid.

Mental health is massive thing lately. Everybody knows that.

So prioritising one group, who already have their own place to use, over current and reliable hirers and their users is not right or fair in any way and will damage the recovery to the communities mental health and their trust in HTC.

The process of re-assignment has already shocked and distressed many many people around Hednesford, let alone ruined Christmas for the current hirers and users with the worry of loosing their business?. The sentiment of the petitions will show that. It's taken very little effort. Businesses around the area were snatching them out my hand. One filled 3 pages with signatures within 10 hours.

If HTC do not know by now that reassigning the lease to one group is a bad idea, it goes against the recovery of the communities mental health, is against the grain of public opinion and against the spirit of the agreement with CCDC, then what hope of building trust with the electorate do HTC expect to get?

Please do an immediate U-turn on this extremely damaging decision.

Regards

(NAME REDACTED)

19TH JANUARY 2022

Dear XXX

My daughter attends the Gymnastics and Street Dance classes at PGCC.

As we live in Hednesford these classes are local to us and we can walk there. As we don't always have access to a car this is brilliant,

The classes have given her a lot of confidence and she is always happy to go. (NAME REDACTED) and the team at Epic are very friendly and welcoming.

Please could the Community Centre be used as it is now for groups like this for the community.

Yours sincerely

(NAME REDACTED)

21ST JANUARY 2022

Hi

Pye green and the rest of the local community would very much like you to give 2nd thoughts regarding the council decision to transfer the lease of the centre to hednesford 1st scouts .

the timing of this decision comes at a very strange time as we and the country as a whole are coming out of a pandemic the like of which none of us as experienced before, the after affects are there for all to see mental health issues are at an all time high due to isolation , the centre at the moment is playing a massive part for the groups who hire and use the facilities in over coming these issues by being there and being accessible to hundreds of young people and adults . we think going ahead will damage the councils well earned reputation and takeaway from the good things

you have achieved

best regards

(NAME REDACTED)

22ND JANUARY 2022

I'm just dropping a bit of a message across in regards to the P.G.C.C.

Please accept my apologies for it being so lengthy, but I wanted to try and get everything in that's positive about what we do as a whole, within the community at the centre.

Below Iv spoken about how our group help mentally and physically, then Iv also added messages from members on how it's helped them out too at the bottom of the letter Iv just spoke about myself and how it will effect me, my business, and my family.

I hope you don't mind, and hope all of this can be put forward towards the next council meeting at the beginning of February.

My names (NAME REDACTED), I currently run the martial arts academy (EHMAA) out of the centre, and have done for the past 17 years.

When parents reach out to learn more about kids martial arts, they often have a variety of questions and concerns. Many of them wonder if taking part in martial arts will make their child violent or cause them to get into fights. While other parents want to know if it will distract them from school or other responsibilities.

While the easy answer to both of these questions is a resounding "No," it's important to dive deeper into the benefits of martial arts for kids.

Believe it or not, it's not all about punching, kicking, and throwing each other on the ground. It is about finding a balance between mind, body, and spirit.

Martial arts like ours were created to develop a wide range of mental health benefits like self-control and focus, while also improving physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Between the physical exercises and emotional instruction learned in martial arts schools, children will develop a deep understanding of skills that will help them for the rest of their life.

On top of these health benefits, children learn how to defend themselves, feel safe, make friends, and be happier.

Let's take a look at four mental health benefits and four physical health benefits the community will see in a martial arts class.

Mental Health

Developing confidence and surrounding yourself with good people are two key aspects of maintaining good mental health.

Martial arts place a large emphasis on quieting your mind, improving focus, and enjoying the journey of learning martial arts. Below are four key skills we teach to improve your kids' mental health.

Discipline

All too often, the word discipline is associated with the word punishment. But in reality, discipline should be involved long before punishment is ever necessary. It is a learned skill to establish self-control, cultivate good habits, and stronger will power to do what is right.

In martial arts academy, discipline isn't about punishment or retribution, but about teaching and preparing. The training is designed to open young students' minds to the best way they can handle certain situations and scenarios.

Mental health benefits of this key training style pay major dividends in a child's ability to learn self-discipline. They'll be able to maintain control of their emotions, resist negative impulses, and better manage their overall behavior.

Focus

The same way a dull knife must be sharpened to accomplish its tasks, a child's mind also needs to stay sharp as they go throughout the daily routine of their life. As things like technology continue to take over bits and pieces of our world and our attention, it is vital to find ways to counteract it.

The most recent statistics have shown that numerous children in the United Kingdom between 4 and 17 years old have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). While some may turn to medication and counseling, others have also brought their children to martial arts schools for help.

Through constant practice and sustained repetition, young students have learned how to clear their minds and focus on one task at a time. These basic, but powerful, principles go far beyond our academy, remaining with children in their classroom and even in their home life.

Confidence

Due to the continued problems of both cyber-bullying and physical bullying, many children have low self-esteem and minimal confidence. These negative feelings can be catastrophic to a young mind, often leading to depression, anxiety, anger, and guilt.

While many may not consider using martial arts for mental health issues like these, it is arguably the best way to boost a child's confidence and improve their self-esteem. They believe in themselves more with each new achievement and feel more confident as their body gets into better shape.

Above all, they'll be able to socialise with other members of the academy and make new friends. These social aspects will give members more confidence in their ability to talk and communicate with other people.

Respect

One of the first things taught in martial arts classes is the art of respect. From listening to instructors, you must learn the importance of humility and honor.

It is crucial that everyone understands everyone on this earth is different and to respect those differences. They will see a drastic improvement in their lives and have better interactions with other people on a daily basis.

Developing respect makes all other aspects of martial arts easier including discipline, focus, and confidence as mentioned above.

Physical Health

Being healthy makes it easier to feel confident and to focus in school or other important aspects of life. An active lifestyle means more energy to tackle the tasks that come with our everyday routines. Here are four physical health benefits your child will learn from a martial arts class.

Strength

While Kickboxing isn't about hitting the gym and lifting a bunch of weights, the exercises that students do have a tremendous impact on their strength and overall muscle growth. From

full-body workouts and core training to developing cardiovascular strength, the physical health benefits of martial arts are unmatched by any other sport.

As students improve their conditioning, fighting stances, and footwork, they gain more power in their arms, legs, and abdomen. Each exercise focuses on multiple muscle groups at once to tone all parts of the body.

The continued practice and repetition of each move causes muscles to fatigue, which following a rest period leads to growth and improved strength.

Healthy Weight

Recent trends have shown that the national childhood obesity rate is high for kids between 2 to 18 years old. While genetics and metabolism play a partial role in those numbers, one thing that every health professional agrees on is the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle.

Instead of running around a boring track for miles on end, why not put your kids in a martial arts class, where they can gain new skills, gain confidence, and take part in a fun, active atmosphere?

Martial arts instructors are professionals who allow each student to go at their own pace while continually urging them along enough that they see results. Styles like Kickboxing can burn hundreds of calories in a short period of time, leading to healthy weight loss and a better physique.

Stamina

When training in martial arts, you are taught how to complete a range of short burst moves over longer periods of time. These techniques are designed to increase endurance, allowing your body the energy to keep going.

As children learn Kickboxing their entire body is engaged, triggering large and small muscle groups. These continuous actions build their stamina and lung capacity, giving them the strength to do more and more.

To develop more endurance, martial arts schools use jump ropes, pushups, sit ups, and other cardio activities that are designed to get the heart beating.

Flexibility

Pay attention to the way you're sitting or standing right now. How is your posture? Are you hunched over in a chair? Maybe you have your neck bent down to look at your phone as you're reading? Did you know that poor posture can lead to neck pain, muscle strain, tension headaches, and much more?

One of the best ways to enhance your posture is by improving your flexibility. Stretching is immensely important in martial arts for kids. It prevents injury, increases their range of motion, as well as improves overall performance and blood flow to muscles. These practices will also have physical benefits to your child's posture, avoiding those potential health issues it can cause.

In every martial arts class, stretching is a key part of each instruction. Effective routines are followed to stretch arms, hamstrings, core, and other vital muscle groups before the classes begin.

10 reasons to support our community centres

- * Unites our community. ...
- * Provides volunteer opportunities. ...
- * Support for community projects. ...
- * Combating loneliness. ...
- * Positively impacts the lives of the whole community
- * Promotes healthy living. ...
- * Encourages creativity and culture. ...

* Shares valuable information.

Members comments

I started at EHMAA 10 years ago, with a group of friends. And ended up being the only one who stuck with it, when they walked away. (NAME REDACTED) , and the rest of the team at EHMAA helped me a lot. I learnt a new skill in kickboxing but also learnt about myself, becoming more confident, outgoing, personable. Being surrounded by those people made me into the person I am today.

I've taken life lessons formed at EHMAA, to university and at the work place. EHMAA also helped me better deal with my Dyspraxia. Those physical activities improved my balance and coordination and through the support of coaches and peers I learnt to embrace the condition rather than hate it. My post cannot do justice how thankful I am to (NAME REDACTED) and the rest of the EHMAA team.

However one thing I can say and my overriding thought when writing this post was that I'm not the only one. (NAME REDACTED) and the academy have helped countless of people over the space of week's, months, years. My story is just the tip of the iceberg!

I have been at this club for 4 years and in that time I cannot put into words how much this class means to me. I have learnt so much, met so many new people and gained so many key skills I will take with me for the rest of my life. This club brings so many different people together from all over the Cannock Chase area.

This club has helped with my confidence, physical and mental well-being and I have made so many friends in the time that I have been a member.

Especially to take this away at a time of such economic uncertainty when we should be supporting small businesses not shutting them down & This club creates a strong feeling of community, positivity and support and to take that away from the people of this community, both young and old, would be of great detriment to the people of this area.

I can't express enough how EHMAA has helped my son. Before joining he lacked confidence and was very shy. EHMAA have help tremendously with this. My son looks forward to his weekly lessons that have become a major part of our routine. EHMAA is a key part of our community and I am proud to say my son is a member.

I would like you to reconsider any plans to close down EHMAA and help it stay a part of our community.

This would be devastating news for my

boys who absolutely love attending there EHMAA kickboxing classes, maybe a Councillor from hendsford Town should pay a visit and see a class, to see what it means to everyone that attends and the hard work that is put in from staff week in week out. Self defence could save a life.

I don't think they understand how much the club means to everyone involved and how much it helps local kids: (its my second home and im sure its not just me who feels this way, by taking the community centre away from the community theyre doing more bad then good!!!

My daughter hasn't been training for long, just a few months but already loves going! EHMAA is more like a family and for kids that's the sort of environment they need. It's fantastic for kids that struggle socially, have confidence issues or just need a little bit extra. Emil and the team are absolutely fantastic with all the students and to take this away would be disgraceful!

At a time when young adults and children face increasing problems with mental health and a rise in obesity due to poor diets and sitting around on gaming consoles, they want to close down a club that tackles both these issues and more? (NAME REDACTED) could never seem to keep interest in various clubs until joining EHMAA, from the very start he was welcomed into a team environnement and encouraged to work hard and learn discipline and also fitness and wellbeing. This club and its central position to the area is invaluable and needs saving st all costs.

You gave us our first chance as a company, allowing us to come down and work with your club. Yours and your teams passion and dedication was clear to see and it was fantastic to see so many people of all ages enjoying each

class whilst learning so many new skills. What you provide is an essential service for any person. The opportunity to learn, grow and develop in a dynamic environment with so many different people.

You have our support 100%

My son loves this group, he has gained in confidence, ability and the whole experience is enabling him to grow into a well rounded young person. The coaches give so much dedication and commitment to the local young people and I cannot praise them enough !

My girls have not been coming too long but it's clear to see they have fallen in love with the club! They can't wait to get there kit together and come train with everyone! They have gained so much confidence which they was previously lacking!

What can I say in absolute shock to hear this. Been going to this club for best part of 8 years now and (NAME REDACTED) are part of our family. I really think the people that are voting should come to one of the classes just to see how the kids and adults enjoy their time at the club. when we first started my two girls had no confidence at all, they will now walk into any room with there heads held high and that's all down to the coaches at EHMAA. It would be a crying shame if our club was taken away.

This is awful! My daughter suffers with anxiety and is 11 now and the support you have given her has helped her fight this, she is so much more confident now which has helped her transition to high school. As a single mother this academy gives you the opportunity to attend as a family. The academy embraces diversity as a key value and is extremely professional and teaches not only to an extremely high level but teaches us respect!!

(NAME REDACTED) absolutely loves coming to EHMAA and has made lots of friends .The coaches are all amazing there and help to build confidence and resilience in all the children .Not to mention that during a pandemic they're helping with their mental health, physical wellbeing whilst keeping the children happy and off the streets .Helping them to learn valuable self defence skills and lets face it in a society with live in today where we all may need it.

We have a great club that is building something in this area. At the end of the day we are a club with huge potential and we will back you

This club and the coaches made my son (who has Autism) start believing in himself and have something to look forward to every week! It has been extremely hard to find a group in the area that is so kind, motivating and encouraging, if this stops, he will be devastated!!

I have only been training at EHMAA for a few months now but I have witnessed first hand the respect that is taught, especially to the younger students, which (NAME REDACTED) rightly mentioned is a rare thing these days. I remember my first training session, how welcoming and friendly everyone was. It will be a real shame and a massive loss to so many if we can no longer train. As I said, I have only been training a few months but the confidence and positivity that I have gained is amazing

EHMAA is a fantastic place for so many reasons, I've only been training for half a year but I already feel like part of a family. You can see every week the skills and life lessons people take away from the training, it's not just about the loss of somewhere local to train for people it's about loosing that community of people, where there are so few outlets for that in

the local area.

A community centre is exactly what it says, a centre for the use of the community, to enjoy and take part in their chosen hobbies and pass times. It's never free, every club pays a fair financial contribution to the facility. That goes for me and my kids who have paid to attend EHMAA over the past 12+ months. My daughter only last week was awarded the junior student of the year award, to throw this away would be an absolute tragedy. Let's hope hope sense and community spirit prevails.

To close EHMAA would be a very big loss to the community. (NAME REDACTED) have put every effort for all ages to gain confidence, the academy is about getting fit, help with anxiety for some, and big confidence. To close is a big failure to a very good cause. Kickboxing is a confidence build for every age. Thank you (NAME REDACTED) for everything you have taught my family

My kids have been going here now for approx 5 years, not only have they learnt valuable self defence (that will help protect them from the mindless idiots that hang around the parks terrorising local kids), but they've also learnt so much about self discipline, focus, attitude and probably more important than anything they've made some great friendships! A community centre is here to serve the community, as should be a council and its members, not simply abuse the position to benefit themselves.

This is an absolute disgrace to close the community centre of which local businesses rely on! ? EHMAA has helped thousands of people stay fit and healthy of which we need more than ever. The dedication and hardwork that the coaches put into time spent training kids and adults is amazing, that cannot be taken away from them! My two boys have thoroughly enjoyed four years at EHMAA building on their physical and mental health including their discipline and confidence in their capabilities.

Would be terrible for this to be taken away from them and many other people who have found something they thoroughly enjoy. Keep fighting

I started at the club in 2013 at the age of 44. Even though my age was against me I was welcomed as if I was a young teenager. I have come a long way since then. Not only am I learning a new skill, I have made new friends and now help as an assistant. Seeing, helping and supporting the youngsters develop their confidence and self worth to surpass their own goals is very rewarding to see. EHMAA is an organisation that like so many well run clubs should be supported by the local council and community.

During the 17 years at the centre, our group have supported members of the local community, from young children (age 3 being the youngest), through to fully grown adults (aged 70 our eldest ever member), from all walks of life. We've seen 1000's of the local community walk through the door. Some have been with us only a few months and others years, and we've positively impacted their lives along the way.

Through my time coaching we've coached members through their grading syllabus, and members through to regional, national & international champions. Without this centre and our as we class it as, none of this would of happened.

We thrive from a challenge and love to see members progress, not only within our academy but in the "real world" too.

We build champions not just on the mats but "champions for life", and this is what drives us. Making everyone that comes through those doors, a better version of themselves.

The effect of us losing the centre, is huge, as our academy has been established at the centre, and also those set evenings, and will impact our member base hugely, the community and what we offer. In fact losing this centre we will lose over half of our member base. Taking this away will not only impact me financially but it will also stop people doing what they enjoy, throughout the week, with like minded people.

The community centre, is meant to be used and for the whole community, not one individual group.

I hope this decision can be reversed and the groups that are in, keep continuing to serve the members of the local community in the positive ways that they do.

I look forwards to your reply

Kindest regards
(NAME REDACTED)