

## WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON,  
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014 at 6.00 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (Chairman)

**Cllrs S Andrews, D Bradshaw, I Cunningham, Mrs S Ezra,  
R Hawker, D Jenkins, G King, F Morland and I Taylor.  
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs B Mantle.**

**T.3052 PUBLIC FORM.** Nil.

**T.3053 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

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| Cllr S Miles   | - | Business                         |
| Cllr F Morland | - | Left 6.10 pm (clash of meetings) |
| Cllr M Sutton  | - | Business                         |
| Cllr W D Tout  | - | Unwell                           |
| Cllr P Wakeman | - | Business                         |
| Cllr D Windess | - | Business                         |

**T.3054 DISPENSATIONS.** Nil.

**T.3055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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| Cllr Mrs S Ezra | - | Member of YAG (non-pecuniary)  |
| Cllr R Hawker   | - | Member of Wiltshire Council (non-pecuniary)                                  |
| Cllr G King     | - | Member of Wiltshire Council (non-pecuniary)<br>Member of YAG (non-pecuniary) |

**T.3056 RESPONSE TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION  
"POSITIVE LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
REVIEW" (A YOUTH SERVICES REVIEW).**

The following four options were put forward by Wiltshire Council:

- 1. Retain the current service in-house but reduce the value** – a number of options would be considered to make the required savings and deliver a service that meets the needs of young people in community areas.
- 2. Outsource the service** – this option would involve developing a new service specification for the provision of positive leisure-time activities; Shaped by key stakeholders, including young people based on resources available.
- 3. Encourage and support staff to form a Public Service Mutual (PSM)** – A mutual can deliver a public service involving a high degree of employee control. It can operate for profit, not for profit, charity, social enterprise and community interest company.

4. **Develop a community led approach** – empower communities via community area boards, with funding from the council, to develop and make available positive leisure-time youth activities within their local area.

Cllr King proposed the following response to Wiltshire Council, and with minor amendments only, was approved:

That Westbury Town Council is concerned:

At least two and most probably three of the options for change issued by Wiltshire Council are unworkable, and therefore unfeasible.

That the criteria for deciding the last (Option 4.) is equally unclear in terms of how the community budget will be disaggregated between all eighteen community areas in Wiltshire.

That the number of professionally qualified youth workers in Wiltshire shall be reduced, or eliminated.

That the Westbury Campus is at least twelve months, or possibly twenty-four months, from completion, and that there is a lack of suitable alternative venues in the town or in the villages, in the interim.

That it remains unclear about who will take overall responsibility for ensuring the strategic delivery of open positive experiences for young people.

Because of this Westbury Town Council is unsure:

How services for young people will either evolve or develop.

Westbury Town Council therefore resolves to request Wiltshire Council to:

1. Ensure the provision of at least one professionally qualified youth worker per Community Area.
2. Retain overall strategic authority for the co-ordination and overview of the delivery of youth services.
3. Ensure the continued support of those most in “need” of positive experiences whilst developing its budget allocation criteria.

After further discussion, Cllr Cunningham proposed the following addition, which was approved:

4. Westbury does not currently have a campus solution, and therefore Westbury Town Council does not have a realistic possibility of providing a service under Option 4. At the very least the current service should be maintained until a realistic service becomes available.

**6.35 pm**

**Signed on behalf of the meeting  
this sixth day of May 2014**

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**Chairman**