

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth  
**on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

Present	Cllr Ron Kerby (Chair) Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Myles Robinson Cllr Sue Reed * Cllr Robert Maitland *
Minutes	Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Anne Elliott

\*Attended part of the meeting (not on Rec & Am Committee)

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations</b>  Cllr Myles Robinson declared an interest in knowing the proprietor of the Dog Training Class (ref item on bookings) and also that he called a public meeting regarding the proposed Arts Centre 18 months ago.</p>	
<p><b>To consider proposal for an Arts Centre at the Town Hall</b>  Cllr Ron Kerby welcomed Kate Raw. The initial proposal for the Arts Centre was submitted in July and deferred for discussion at this meeting. Kate explained this is an early stage proposal and she is looking for permission to continue research. Cllr Myles Robinson explained that we have already taken public consultation on this when the Town Action Plan was updated in 2015. It says that the project will need 'substantial resources, requiring significant fundraising for building purchase, conversion and operation'.</p> <p>Kate asked to see the results of the consultation. The Deputy Clerk will follow this up. The proposal does not include purchase of the building. The report does not show any rent to NTC for use of the building either.</p> <p>Kate believes she can put together a case to get the funding needed for the project. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said that more work would need to be done on the figures (more detailed expenditure), an explanation of the full operating costs and, an explanation of what NTC would gain from investing the value of the Town Hall into this project.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson commented that the local Arts scene has changed a lot since 2015. Cllr Robert Maitland suggested a feasibility study be carried out to discover what demand there would be for such a facility, where the audience will come from and will they use the other facilities in the town, this information may make a firmer proposal. Also, any feelings of support from other organisations and the backing of any influential people who live in this area.</p> <p>NTC have yet to decide on the future of the Town Hall and this will be discussed by the Civic Centre Working Party. Kate was thanked for her proposal. She will be working in New Zealand from February to May so would</p>	<b>Dep. Clerk</b>

