

Council Meeting – 28 February 2019

Agenda Item CC1976/19

Red Cross centre

Introduction

It is understood that the Red Cross centre is being closed down. It is proposed that the parish council makes enquires and show its interest in pursuing the rights under the community asset legislation.

In August 2014 the Parish Council submitted its nomination to TRDC that the Library and Red Cross Centre be an Asset of Community Value and on 21 October 2014, the TRDC Director of Community and Environmental Services determined that the Library and Red Cross Centre be included on the TRDC's List of Assets of Community Value. It is held on the Register for five years, after which it needs to be re-nominated and reconsidered.

The asset was added to the TRDC's List of Assets of Community Value, available on their website at <http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/Default.aspx/Web/AssetsofCommunityValue>. Should the owner of the land/property decide to sell the asset, a community group can trigger a 6 month moratorium on the sale of the asset to give them a chance to raise funds, should they wish to consider purchase of the asset.

Discussion Narrative

It is understood that the Red Cross centre is being closed down. Cllr Mitchell has found that a previous contact at the Red Cross is not responding to phone messages and emails. It is also understood that the lease is up for renewal, and the land is owned by TRDC. This site is protected as a community asset, (CA) and so it is suggested that the Parish Council should proceed to explore what can be done under the CA and consult with TRDC and the Red Cross. Can we safe guard the site or even take the lease over?

Recommendation

1. That the Parish Council makes enquires and shows its interest in pursuing the rights under the community asset legislation.
2. That consultation with TRDC and the Red Cross takes place to see what options the Parish Council has to safeguard the site for community use, or even take the site over.