

Clerks report on the Future ownership and Management of Glington Village Hall

Introduction

As part of the Peterborough City Council Asset Transfer Programme PCC have been in discussion with the Glington Community Association with a proposal to offer the association a 25 year lease on the village hall.

Similar discussions are taking place with other communities where the City council has ownership of community centres and village halls. Those discussions are normally with Parish councils where the facility is a village hall. Glington Village hall is not currently run by the parish council hence the discussions have to date been with the community association.

Independently, both the community association and City council officers have approached the chairman and/or the parish council clerk to explore the possibility of the arrangement (if concluded) being between PCC and the Parish Council

In the case of the community association they have a bond of £19000 and have offered to continue the day to day management of the village hall.

In the case of the City council officers it has been intimated that PCC may consider freehold sale as opposed to 25 year lease.

Considerations

There are advantages and disadvantages to be considered by both the city council and the parish council. There are also financial implications which need to be explored. Although some information has been supplied by the community association, much more will depend on the terms and conditions offered by PCC. In the case of freehold sale a valuation and selling price will be critical.

Clearly there is insufficient information to hand to enable decisions to be made, even in principle. It has therefore been suggested that a task and finish working group be set up to explore the options with both the city council and the community association and to report back to the parish council.

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