

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 20:48
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club - the future of

Dear Sirs

I have been a member of this club since I was 18, I am now 61 and feel I have valid views on what has happened over the last few years which have led to the demise of the club to such an extent its closure is now threatened.

When properly run, with the support of Bucks CC and a proper Bar Management Team that was supported by BCC and with a full entertainments and membership team that knew what the club wanted, the club was thriving and it was difficult to get a table any evening let alone weekends. The club was cared for, redecorated regularly and was a nice place to go with full entertainment most weekends.

Membership was high. Both Associate and Non Associates and there were waiting lists. The club was advertised throughout the staff of Bucks CC with a regular mailout by Bucks CC to all its members informing them of what was going on. People joined, people went and people enjoyed themselves. I even had my wedding reception there 39 years ago. As many people still do.

Members were checked regularly for their cards. Non members were not allowed in unless they were accompanied by a member who signed them in. This kept out undesirables who caused trouble and put people off going. When this stopped happening, when membership checks ceased and there was no doorman the decline started.

When was a full refurbishment of the club considered by Bucks CC? The club has not had a serious redecoration for a very long time leading to painted brick walls and tatty furniture. The toilets were awful until they were eventually redecorated. If Bucks CC had any interest in the club someone would have recognised that's the awful décor and lack of upkeep by Bucks CC also led to the decline in numbers.

With regard to the changing rooms, why have these not been maintained and kept up to standard by Bucks CC? I believe complaints about their condition have been made in the past - indeed when Bearbrook Joggers used the club for their base they ended up putting their own money into the changing rooms? I further believe that this was the last input into the changing rooms.

The club is a lovely building and is regularly used by families with young children as a safe place for them to go out as a family with lots of room for the children to run off steam safely.

The people who use the club are all amazing and always trying to do things to make more money for the club and to bring money in off their own back.

What the club needs is a complete refurbishment and it needs support, not closure. There is absolutely nothing for people over that side of town with any sports facilities or social facilities. There is nothing and no where for the paraplegics to go within a short distance of the hospital when they're in rehabilitation. It's close.

There are new houses going up within close proximity to the club and the people that are going to be in those houses would benefit the club if it was kept open and if was refurbished.

The site is bordered by Poplar trees? Are these the protected black poplars? What will happen if the site is sold for new housing - they'll be knocked down, probably 'accidentally' unless they are given TPO's.

We don't need new houses there - we need a proper sports and social club that takes the thoughts and wishes of the people that have frequented it over the years to keep going to.

Throw all ideas of closure out and invest in this property - not just investment to keep it open but a complete refurbishment with improved sports facilities (whatever happened to the tennis courts).

Consider the needs of the children who use the club weekly for their football and football tournaments.

Keep the club open and make it look less like something from the 1970s and make it a place that people want to go to. You'll soon get the money back from your investment if you start putting the time and effort into it that you used to and start getting the staff back into it!

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 19:29
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

To Whom It May Concern,

I have read with interest the proposals for the Bucks CC site. My family live in Stoke Mandeville and strongly believe that Option 3 would be the best option in the proposal.

We have 3 young children and would be very interested in a community run club. We use the facilities regularly and if there was more sports activities, family activities would definitely attend.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 20:05
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks C C social club report.

From the options available within the report option 3 should be the way forward. I live next door to the facility and see that far more than 56 people get use of the grounds and the club house .

This is a community hub and should be retained and developed by the community. Me and my family use the club and facilities but have not been allowed to become members due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the site.

There are no other facilities of this type in the area and given the opportunity with some investment and effective management the club can thrive.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 19:46
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: BCC Sports and social club

Dear Sir/Madam

I am very disappointed with the news that the council have decided to close our excellent club, we are a family of five and regularly use the club and can highly praise the excellent friendly staff.

I always had a feeling that the council had an agenda to close this facility and cash in on the property value with a development, there are no similar facilities locally for a family to spend some time enjoying their company and socialising with likeminded local residents.

The membership number has been deliberately distorted due to no memberships being renewed for this year, this in my view has been a deliberate ploy to downplay the clubs viability.

It will be a very sad day indeed if the council succumb to greed over local residents wellbeing.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 14:08
To: Democracy Mailbox
Cc: Smith, Gill (Facilities); Roberts, Brian - (County Councillor)
Subject: RE: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 - Bucks Sport and Social Club Closure
Attachments: Letter of Proposal for Bucks Sport & Social Club.pdf

Hello,

Please find as attached a letter of proposal for an alternative to closing the Bucks Sport and Social Club.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]



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WMPT Sparks
34 Bowmont Drive
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Bucks. HP21 9UH

Friday 21st July 2017

Attn: Gill Smith
Report to Cllr John Chilver (Resources Cabinet Member)

RE: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 -Proposal for Bucks Sports and Social Club

Dear Gill,

I am writing to you today regarding the proposal of closing Bucks Sport and Social club and ask that you don't choose that option.

I run a local company working with my husband out of this club. We don't know if you are aware of our existence. We aim to keep the community fit by providing various fitness classes throughout the week and help people lead healthier lifestyles. We started our company in December 2015 and had to relocate in April 2017 and have relocated to your club. Relocation has lost us a few members as we are unable to maintain all the facilities we used to have at our previous venue. We are working endlessly to try and build this back up. Currently we have 200 people in our community and supporting our progress and are still growing. We aim to double this by April 2018 and continue to grow. We pride ourselves on the fact we are there to provide a service to the community and by doing so have created what our customers refer to as a 'family'. If you want to find out more information about us you can look us up at: www.wmpt-sparks.co.uk or Facebook: WMPT Sparks, you should also have heard about us through your council discounts page as we offer Bucks CC Staff a discount on classes and memberships.

Hopefully you understand that the closure of the club would mean we go back to the drawing board again and as much as this is not your concern we are prepared to put a proposal forward for the future of the Social Club and hope you consider us as a serious candidate.

In your report: R04.17 you listed two options of interest to us:

- No.3) *Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle, for example transfer the club to a community interest organisation to run.*
- No.4) *Close the bar section of the Bucks Sports and Social Club, and retain sports and social facilities on site.*

We believe that with either option we could alleviate the budget pressures you mention, generate in an income of some sorts for the council and release the overheads you face from in house management.



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Our vision:

We aim and wish to create a safe and inviting venue for the community to attend and keep fit in whatever form best suits them. We aim to be able to run our classes full time from one venue and see a huge number of the community attending at the very least once a week.

We have so many ideas of tournaments, sports teams and events we wish to run, town sports days, fayres, celebrations, sporting achievement ceremonies and many more.

If we have the availability to have more hours in a week we could also offer a larger variety of classes, defensive classes, boxing, sport specific training classes, classes where children and adults can grade by a national standard.

Also we have a vision of what we could achieve if we had the whole facility to ourselves. We would honour the current regular hires as they already have great community client bases coming to the facility so there would be no reason to remove them from the facility. We would hire out the meeting room on a regular basis and attempt to make it a regular business meeting hotspot. Turn the current bar into a day and night facility so we could attract people for breakfasts and lunches as well as drinks in the evening. Especially if we have young children attending sports training at the facility as the parents could then pop in for a coffee while their children train. So many options here that we are willing to pursue.

We also currently work with local businesses, we have a butcher on our sponsors page who offer our members discounts on meat packages, this is great for us as we can encourage our customers to eat healthier and we know they have that facility to do so. We have a baker who offers protein foods and healthier snacks so people can still have a treat without the stress of eating 'bad' foods after training sessions. We aim to use and increase their status in the surrounding area and bring more local businesses on board. With more facility use and more clients we will have the ability to do this.

Our proposal:

Consider us as your alternative delivery vehicle, we can provide the community facility you would wish it to be and are happy to come to some form of agreement that would enable us to grow the facilities attendees but at the same time maintain your reputation as a County Council.

Or

Close the bar area and continue to run the Sport and Social facilities and work with us to grow the facilities attendees. We are currently still growing and achieving and would love to see more of the community using the facilities, especially for sports and fitness.

We hope to be considered for our proposals and look forward to the hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Ogle
WMPT Sparks Director

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 10:35
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Closure of Bucks CC Sports and Social Club - I oppose and why ! call for option 3
Attachments: Bucks Sports Social Club.rtf

Please see my comments in yellow....

If the sports and social club closes, it will be extremely sad for the community both young and old who have association with the sports and social club, not only has this been great for the community by keeping kids off the street and taking up a sport where a large amount have not only played for Bucks CC sports and social club when they were children but have then continued as adults supporting their children whilst playing there and in some cases also their grandchildren, this will be an end of an era where will the go now is ok saying that there are other teams out there but not so with the community and the welfare that Bucks CC sports and social club provide.

Stoke Mandeville Spinal Unit. Many of those who are patients in the spinal unit use these facilities not only for themselves but also when family and friends come to visit, to have the premises removed will mean what for them – they only get to see family around the bed on the ward, or perhaps in the café..

I really don't think that Bucks CC really knows everything that Bucks CC Sports and social club does for the community maybe it's because they don't bother trying to find out or have no real interest but I really do feel very strongly that the Sports and Social club should remain where it is so I vote for Option 3 get the club to be run by people that care.....

Also please see on the attachment my comments to your report.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] *a Member of this club since 2004 also member of bar team.*

to Cllr John Chilver (Resources Cabinet Member)

Decision to be taken on or after 27 July 2017

Decision can normally be implemented at least 3 working days after decision has been signed.

Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17

Title: Bucks Sports and Social Club
Date: 19 July 2017
Author: Gill Smith (Facilities Management HoS)
Lloyd Jeffries (Sponsor – Director of Operations).

Contact officer: Gill Smith
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Local members affected: Cllr Brian Roberts

For press enquiries concerning this report, please contact the media office on 01296 382444

[Guidance can be found on the intranet at the following link:
<https://intranet.buckscc.gov.uk/how-do-i/member-services/decision-making/>]

Summary

The Bucks Sports and Social Club has the following issues:

- Substantial budget pressure.
- Insufficient income generation.
- High level of management overheads.

We have identified and assessed the options available to us and shortlisted four of them:

- 1) Retain as is.
- 2) Close the whole building and external facilities from 31st October 2017. Existing bookings up until 31st October 2017 will be honoured.
- 3) Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle, for example transfer the Club to a Community Interest organisation to run.
- 4) Close the bar section of the Bucks Sports and Social Club, and retain sports and social facilities on site.

Objectives:

- To remove the significant cost pressures that have arisen in the running costs of the premises.
- Limit reputational damage to the County Council in the operation of the site.
- Reduce additional pressures caused by allocating management time in operational input to

the Bucks Sports and Social Club.

- Ensure that the way is cleared for future possible development of the site.

Recommendation

Option 2 - Close the whole Bucks Sports and Social Club building and external facilities with effect from 31st October 2017.

Existing bookings up until 31st October 2017 will be honoured.

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision.

The Bucks Sports and Social Club is currently operated by the BCC Property Facilities Management team. The Bucks Sports and Social Club provides various activities for the local community including a licenced bar, football, badminton, tennis, archery, dance, yoga, crèche and motorcycle training. These services are not core business for the County Council.

In recent years, the Club's income has decreased due to the following factors:

- The car park spaces which were being let to the NHS Stoke Mandeville hospital have not been required by the NHS due to the erection of a new multi storey car park.

- The Property team had to close the Pavilion building which housed changing room and toilet facilities due to identified health and safety risks such as:

 - Income has also decreased due to current management accepting bookings and removing previous booking system that was in place and worked well.

 - Also BCC management refusing to put in place memberships that have always been a large part of the funding for BCC S&S club.

 - o Asbestos in the roof which is in poor condition,
 - o A requirement for electrical re-wiring,
 - o Non-compliance with current standards for the prevention of legionella,
 - o Degradation of the shower and toilet facility.

 - I do believe that this report should be shared as no knowledge of Asbestos, when being pulled down no protective clothing was worn by any workmen hence confirming this.

This was due to minimal maintenance of the building being undertaken over a significant amount of time prior to 2014, and the age of the building. Closing the Pavilion has meant that changing facilities are not available to adult league football and so games are played on other pitches elsewhere.

Temporary facilities were put in place and removed why!!!

The financial position of the Bucks Sports and Social Club is that it has a separate bank account, but is financially supported by BCC Property Operations budget for statutory maintenance, VAT bills, and utilities which the separate bank account has been unable to cover for a substantial period of time.

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In the last financial year, Buckinghamshire County Council expended circa £54,000 in supporting the Bucks Sports and Social Club. This is in addition to any funds within the separate bank account. This level of overspend is unsustainable. In addition, the level of expenditure on the site no longer represents value for money given its very low usage

As of June 2017 there are 56 members. There is virtually no BCC staff involvement in "BCC" teams such as football.

Membership – when questions asked to the council as to when this membership will be collected (as always previously action by committee that BCC dissolved have said they have it in hand yet nothing has been done so this is a false reflection of the true membership of the premises.)

The clubhouse acts as a space for private functions with the income due paid to the Club. Paid to BCC council.

The site is registered by AVDC as a site of Community Interest. The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new power for local communities to protect buildings and open spaces they value. This right means communities can ask their local council to list certain assets as being of value to the community. If an asset is listed and then comes up for sale, communities that want it are given 6 months to put together a bid to buy it.

A building or land can be listed as an asset of community value if:

current primary use of the building/land or use of the building/land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local community.

it is realistic to think that now or in the next five years there could continue to be primary use of the building/land which will further the social well-being or social interests of the local community (whether or not in the same way as before)

Owners of listed assets cannot dispose of them without:

letting the local authority know that they intend to sell the asset or grant a lease of more than 25 years

waiting until the end of a six week 'interim moratorium' period if the local authority does not receive a request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder

waiting until the end of a six month 'full moratorium' period if the local authority does receive a request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder

The Site has been identified in LASR for development as an ASC facility and/or residential which, depending on options chosen, yields a land value of between £2.7m and £7.5m

The provision of community leisure facilities is not a BCC duty or policy, this falls within the District remit.

B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

Option 1 - Retain as is.

As of June 2017 there are 56 members of the Club. An inaccurate comment due to BCC management refusing to put in place the memberships all use of the facilities ie, Pigeon club, Footballers, Archers just to give an example have to hold a membership this proves that 56 is an incorrect account of this.. There is virtually no BCC staff involvement in "BCC" teams such as football. How do you actually know this? Families, friends and so on. The venue presently supports junior football also senior, badminton, table tennis, judo and other activities such as motorcycle training, dog training, and pigeon racing. Senior external sports are not feasible; the changing facilities have been closed because of their poor condition and levels of asbestos. Although the seniors cannot play here due to council closing the changing rooms they do use the establishment frequently. The buildings would require a considerable amount of investment to bring them up to required standards.

The clubhouse acts as a space for private functions with the income due paid to the Club. Paid to BCC

Pros:

- Community provision of social and sports facilities.
- No change to staffing.

- Location available for functions and events.
- Memberships of the Club would still be available.

Cons:

- The current budget pressure would continue.
- Investment would be required to fund changing room facilities.
- Site would continue to degrade due to lack of adequate funding for maintenance.

Option 3 - Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle, for example transfer the Club to a Community Interest organisation to run.

This opportunity has previously been explored, a group were provided the opportunity to do this but this was not successful. It has not been possible to turn round the club's financial position and there have been a number of complaints (I do believe the complaints have been with regards to the lack of transparent operating by the council and also on council members negotiating pricing, bookings and so on, this and only this has put a bad light on to the council.) about the way in which the Club has been operating which present a significant reputational risk to the County Council (this has been management choice, you have allowed this to happen and continue to allow it)

The County Council has held various meetings and invested a significant amount of time in trying to support the process. During meetings in August 2016 with Cllrs and some club members it was made clear that the present position was not sustainable and it was intended to remove any financial subsidy in April 2017.

The County Council had also undertaken a review of all its property assets and had identified the BSSC site as potentially being suitable for extra care housing or other development that would address local community needs. Cllrs present at the meeting in August indicated that they wished the club to remain active, while supporting the development options. An agreement was reached as follows:

- BCC would Lease the Club back to a new committee\legal entity to be in place from April 2017, with a key role for County Council members in its formation and operation.
- The Club would receive no budget subsidy from the County Council.
- The Lease would be FRI (Fully Repairing and Insuring).
- The Club would seek external funding for developing senior changing facilities.

Since this agreement was reached in September 2016, BCC have followed through on their obligations i.e. a lease was drafted for approval. **However** the transitional group made up of Council Members and Club Members struggled to reach agreement on the future structure of the club, it became clear that "the Club" was not going to provide a valid group for BCC to hand on to. No legal entity exists for the County Council to lease to.

Pros:

- The current budget pressure would be alleviated.
- Buckinghamshire County Council would not be responsible for the site in terms of resource and funding.

Cons:

- A significant amount of County Council time would need to be engaged in supporting the process to develop a legal entity to transfer the property to
- Current staff would need to undergo a TUPE consultation, which would take 35 days.
- Risk that issues of malpractice may be damaging to County Council reputation.
- The site would not be released for development

Option 4 - Close the bar section of the Bucks Sports and Social Club, and retain sports and social facilities on site.

Pros:

- Part of the current budget pressure would be alleviated.
- Community would be provided with social facilities.
- Sports would continue on the site.

Cons:

- 3 staff would need to undergo a redundancy consultation, which would take 35 days plus notice periods, cost £3,580.80.
- The location would not be available for functions and events.
- Memberships of the Club would cease.
- Investment would still be required to fund changing room facilities.

C. Resource implications

The recommendation (**option 2**) can be “contained within existing resources”.

The revenue saving is **£65,500**

3 bar staff would need to undergo a redundancy consultation, which would take 35 days plus notice periods, cost £3,580.80.

D. Value for Money (VfM) Self-Assessment

High level costs for each option are as below:

	Option 1 (As Is)	Option 2 (Close whole building and external facilities)	Option 3 (Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle)	Option 4 (Close the bar section of the Club, retain sports and social facilities)
Costs £	65,500.00	0.00	0.00	32,400.00

Option 1 & 4 are 'losses'

E. Legal implications

HB Public Law have been consulted.

F. Property implications

The Property team had to close the Pavilion building which housed changing room and toilet facilities due to identified health and safety risks such as:

- o Asbestos in the roof which is in poor condition,
- o A requirement for electrical re-wiring,
- o Non-compliance with current standards for the prevention of legionella,
- o Degradation of the shower and toilet facility.

This was due to minimal maintenance of the building being undertaken over a significant amount of time prior to 2014, and the age of the building.

G. Other implications/issues

If the Recommendation is approved, the result will be that the location would not be available for functions and events and Memberships of the Club would cease.

H. Local Member views

The feedback we have received from the local member is to consider option 3.

I. Communication issues

3 staff would need to undergo a redundancy consultation, which would take 35 days plus notice periods, cost **£3,580.80**.

Property Facilities Management have communications prepared for the BCC staff working at the Club, the user groups and the Club Members. These will be sent using the relevant forums appropriate to each individual group, in conjunction with BCC Communications Team. **Due to custom and practice I believe that you will find this to be incorrect, you have various members of staff working there which perhaps you should seek legal confirmation on.**

J. Progress Monitoring

This proposal is included in the Resources service/business plan so that progress can be tracked.

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Member Services Team by 5.00pm on 26 July 2017. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 21:12
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing to register my complaint and disgust at the planned closure of Bucks CC sports and social club. I have been a member of the club for almost 11 years now since my son started playing football there aged 5.

I have been involved with the football aspect of the club for 10 years now coaching various teams throughout this time.

The club plays a vital role in local football for many young children from age 8 upwards to the Under 16s and on to the senior teams.

Without this facility and this land where will these children play their football.

This is short sighted and based on the need to make money. What about the local community.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2017 22:29
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks cc sports and social club

Hello, I'm writing this email to let you know that I disagree with your decision to close the club down for good, it is like a family up there, everyone loves to spend there time there socialising with friends and watching the football. I work at bucks cc sports and social club behind the bar, I'm currently on maternity leave and was hoping to return to work soon. I would like you to go with option 3 so we can save this club and make sure it's run better. I feel really strongly about this club and I will be extremely saddened if it was to close. I have thoroughly enjoyed working there and getting to know everyone, will be a shame to break this family up. Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 15:59
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

To whom it may concern,

As a regular customer at the social club and somebody who currently has a booking for a party here I would like to express my opinion that I believe Option 3 would be the best option for the club.

I believe that the social club should remain open as it would be an asset to the local community of managed properly, and would benefit the community for years to come.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 12:24
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Social Club

Dear Sirs

I would like to support Option 3 for the above social club.

This is an excellent facility for the area and could thrive with the right leadership and team behind them. I appreciate it cannot survive with losses all the time. Its use particularly for local sports is ideal with a good sports field and supporting facilities and car park. Its a shame the changing facilities had to go but I'm sure this could be overcome in the future both temporarily and permanently.

I hope my comments will be taken into consideration when this matter is discussed later this month.

I forgot also feel that as the news was only released yesterday, that 5 days is very short notice for anyone to respond to this consultation and would suggest it be extended to perhaps 28 days.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

[REDACTED]
21 July 2017 17:45

To:

Democracy Mailbox

[REDACTED]
I'm writing this email on account of my local community and my fitness club that is held at Bucks CC community center.

First of all I would like to state that there are a lot of people who rely on the center as a routinely place where we all go and take part in multiple clubs and activities, so as a community we are devoted to keeping our clubs up running and keeping Bucks CC open. I would also like to state that by keeping Bucks CC open and up running you are keeping the community active and healthy, the closing of the center will mean a holt in our clubs, and that could in the long run lead to worse situations such as the local business' having to close down for a lack of venue.

I myself appreciate the center a lot as I am only 15 but use it on a weekly basis. I train with WMPT twice a week but that nothing compared to what actually goes on there. Some days there are multiple classes and clubs that get taken by a lot of people from all over Aylesbury, therefore closing down the center will result in a lot of displeased residents.

Please consider what I have said and take into the consideration the lifestyles of different people from all around Aylesbury.

I hope to hear back from you soon,

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
A supportive member of the WMPT community.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 18:27
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks sports and social club

To whom it may concern,

I have recently learnt that the sports and social club I attend may be threatened with closure.

I think this would be a great shame as along with the fitness classes I attend 4 times a week with WMPT. There are a number of other groups which hold events in the hall.

With pressure in the media to get involved to keep fit and active WMPT provide a community based club which is fully inclusive and very welcoming to all. The age range within each class is huge, but the personal touch that Wes and Mel give to each member so that everyone is catered for is something I don't think could be achieved in a large corporate gym. This has meant that I can train with my 19 year old daughter.

WMPT also run the classes so that we all feel like one very large extended family within the community, supporting and encouraging each other.

Please can you advise if there is anything that can be done to ensure this wonderful family run business can continue to operate from this base.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 18:15
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Social Club - threatened closure

To whom it may concern

I am very saddened to hear of the possible closure of the Bucks CC Social Club. I have recently been using this venue alongside a large number of other people for fitness purposes, attending classes run by a company called WMPT Personal Training. The classes are not only helping me maintain my health but the trainers have also built a great local community spirit with this club. I have had a baby 7 months ago and these classes and this club is my only escape in the evenings! I would hate for it to be closed and this great company lose their business and venue. If there is anything we as a group of people can do to help save this club then please let me know.

I truly hope you as a council consider carefully the impact you could have on a local community by closing down a much loved club and venue.

Thanks in advance.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 17:57
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Closure

I am writing this email on behalf of the Bucks community, I train with WMPT 4 times a week with many different people, I think that by closing this centre it will affect many people.
I am 16 years old and I personally feel safe and comfortable working out in this environment, if Bucks CC closed down, I don't know where I would go to exercise as everywhere is very expensive and I wouldn't feel comfortable anywhere else.

Many different people, not just the WMPT community, will be affected by this and I think that you should keep the centre open as it has been open for a very long time and I think it is part of our community.

[REDACTED]
A WMPT Member

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 10:31
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Why

Why are we closing this building!!! It's one of the last remaining. Buildings were u can actually. Still feel a séance of relief this may sound silly but u walk down to bucks cc and it's warm feeling I've djed at many parties here weddings and seen eid parties also. Wmpt Sparks are family run gym and have many people that always join the family we love this venue and would like it to stay open to keep the community. Spirt. Still in Aylesbury. Not all of us are confident. Enough. To go to all these gyms I mean we have like 50already in Aylesbury. And we'll this is a family place that we need to keep for many more memories. Your Wmpt Sparks family [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 20:50
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: What is a community centre?

To whom it may concern,
I have to start this message by saying I am in absolute shock in hearing through the grapevine that the community centre is going to close down!
Myself my partner and my son were only at the community centre last night he was training with wmpt inside the centre and myself and another group of ladies were training as part of wmpt outside the building in the field and around the building, whilst running laps round the building I felt a sense of warmth and happiness not only was I training with a new found group of friends I was in a private family atmosphere my son was safe kicking a football around on the enclosed field the lads outside on the patio benches at the club who had clearly come over for a quiet pint or two away from the troubles of Day to day life were cheering us ladies on as we , the only downside was the digger and pile of rubble that I kept thinking how beautiful this venue could be with a lick of paint and a few of the community pitching in to bring it back to life . With ample parking and a picturesque view out onto the field a big bar area and a lovely hall what's to stop it being used as an events venue perfect for weddings and parties and functions alike but I'm wondering instead of seeing what beauty lies beneath this slightly tattered old building and helping to restore it back to somewhere amazing why you are thinking about writing it off altogether?
I come to buckscc because I feel safe, confident and part of a family, do you think my 6 year old son would be able to kick his ball around in a commercial gym ? No of course not, do you think that if I were running past the local pub with my training partners all of different sizes and shapes would the local lads cheer us on? No that wouldn't be "cool" and down at the local pub but at a community centre we are all part of something more a bigger picture a family joined by one building so please consider this message and instead of shutting the door on your community help us to bring others through those doors and make the family grow.
What can we as a community do to save this building from closure?
What if I put it to you to allow us to hold a fund raising day instead with proceeds going towards fixing up the centre making you realise it's potential beauty look beyond the obvious did you hear that saying never judge a book by its cover each and every person at that club especially wmpt members has a story to tell so I invite you to come train with us join in the pages of our book and learn to re love the centre I love it as it is but just imagine what it could be if we all pulled together as a community please don't shut us down help us to make it better join our family

With regards
A very concerned member of the wmpt family at buckscc our home [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2017 14:52
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Sports club closure

It would be sad if the club had to close Perhaps the council could look at what they waste money on on.I'm sure you could advertise what facilities are there and get more bookings which would bring in more revenue.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 20:55
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Potential closure of Bucks cc social club

To whom this may concern

From hearing the news about the potential closure of my childhood and current football teams social club I felt I had to make my voice heard and speak up on the matter. I feel that it would be a loss to not only the team but the area of Aylesbury as well, losing one of the key facilities that kids and adults can come and enjoy playing. Bucks cc was a key part of my childhood and to a lot of others that still live in the area and for it even being considered about closing is ridiculous. We should be finding ways to help clubs like this instead of selling them out to make a quick pound. If the club had changing rooms in decent conditions then the social club would thrive after games as opponents would come in for a few drinks, also when the youth teams get to a certain age they need changing facilities part of f.a rules so they have to look elsewhere for them so that's not helping the club out losing the future of the club. I hope that you make the correct decision and help keep this club open for the foreseeable future.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 08:02
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Closure

After hearing the news that the club will be closing I'm very saddened to hear this and know that lots of my close friends will be too.

We use this social club to workout. WMPT (Wes and Mel personal training) train us here and hold a number of classes on a daily basis. I attend 4 classes a week and each of these classes have 20-30 members come along. Zoe also runs a kids dance fitness class for our younger society and I know that this has had a huge thumbs up with many parents and schools around the area. Wes and Mel are amazing at their jobs and have worked very hard to secure a unit for us when their last gym closed down. It would be such a shame that they would have to endure this all over again. The club is in a perfect place with plenty of space for indoor and outdoor training.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 08:28
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks County Council Social Club

Dear Democracy,

In response to the recent proposals suggested for the future of the BCC Social Club in Aylesbury I would like to vote for option 3 (with the view of the club being run by its members).

Having read the report I find that the value of the club is questioned in respect of the communities needs.

I believe the issue lies within the management and running of the facility.

I am a fairly new resident to the area (2 years) and one of the reasons for moving is having access to the club and all of its facilities (especially the playing fields).

I and my family have tried to become a member on numerous occasions only to be given different excuses as to why I couldn't have membership.....but we were still allowed to use the facilities including the club house. With this in mind it would appear that revenues for the club is being turned away and the 'only 56' members who use the club is not a true reflection of who do use it and probably who would want to use it.

With the correct management I am convinced the club could generate the revenue required to make it a successful community hub. For example there is plenty of space to host a summer 5 -a-side football tournament.

There have been events at the club that I have stumbled across that have never been advertised. This cannot be a way to generate community interest and revenue.

I sincerely hope this facility is lost.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 08:44
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks cc sports club, just the tip of the iceberg.....

It's easy in this day and age to complain about most things! Making your life difficult no doubt. Well, strap in because here it comes.

Why does this local government persist on destroying every green space in this town? I suspect greed and the need to pay an ever increasing staff wage. Sorry cheap shot I know, the person on the end of this email probably won't receive any sort of cash back hander.

All these developments and not one real green space created. The waste land outside your fantastic new building on gatehouse would create a fantastic family park. What will happen to it I wonder?

At the whole development on Buckingham park, no football pitches? No cricket, rugby or tennis facilities. Just Mickey Mouse parks and Mickey Mouse houses with Mickey Mouse parking, Mickey Mouse gardens and Mickey Mouse roads.

Berryfields, where are the green spaces there? And I'm not having it that the river Thame and the walk around it is a green space either. That's a genuine flood plain. (Though it is very pretty)

Bucks CC insist on building new housing estates as if they are being built in London. Condensed and land shy. Well, we don't live in London, and we're not that space precious out here, which incidentally should be a usp. (As your reports on housing would put it). We all know that we've been told that we're short on housing, and there's a huge need to build. I strongly believe this can be done with a bit more care.

The ships long sailed, but why not have the developers do a bit more to the local country side as they build, the river Thame is a good example. They could have cleaned the area around it and made a fantastic feature of it, instead, it's just been left to volunteers to clear and tend to at a painstaking rate.

The development at broughton! What a wonderful opportunity to create a space by the canal for social activities. Boat rides, cafes, bike hire, canoes would be amazing on a little used canal. Look at willen lake in mk for ideas! The developers could have easily been made to build facilities for that.

Aylesbury town itself is suffering. What is there to do? Theatres ok if you're over 50 and can afford the bar. Poor shops, terrible parking and traffic, parking gestapo everywhere. I'm afraid it's Milton Keynes every time if you need to go shopping or even be entertained. Small companies like rogue leisure are championing their businesses fantastically, i'd imagine with little concessions as well. 15 years ago the pubs and bars in the town centre were heaving, varied and vibrant. Pop into town now and they are all gone.

Why not do something that the residents of Aylesbury can be proud of, instead of shying away from admitting we are from Aylesbury when asked. Make it so people come here to enjoy something as opposed to coming here to pass through and moan about the god awful traffic and traffic lights.

The reason why people flock into Aylesbury to live is because of the cheaper prices. It's definitely not because the council are doing a fantastic job at developing the area.

I'm really not sure that the council understand that they aren't doing the best possible for the town. A huge amount of greed seems to be prevalent when planning decisions have been made. Any other suggestions that it's not is poppy cock. Land development meetings scheduled during work hours, or even moved a different night without warnings would suggest the council can't even be bothered to meet the opposition, yet alone entertain it.

2 crematoriums, endless traffic lights, poorly designed housing estates with awful internal roads, expensive road signage, terrible road designs. This is list of problems seen by a laymen. God only knows what's brewing underneath the surface.

Ho hum, I expect this will fall on deaf ears and be filed under b. I'm pretty certain I'm not the only resident to feel like this.

Regards



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 19:02
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

Hello,

I have heard about the potential closure of Bucks CC Sport club and wanted to put across my reasonings for why I hope this doesn't happen.

There are several clubs that use the facility on a regular basis including WMPT who's classes I attend, and for these clubs to have to find new venues and start all over again would in my opinion be detrimental to the community.

People don't like change and to relocate all the clubs (unless you are offering an alternative venue close by for all the clubs to use instead and community to go to) would reduce the number of community members attending.

I for one would be really disappointed. I don't like using commercial gyms so this venue is perfect for me and I get the exercise I need each week.

The club has classes and group activities for babies right up to elderly so the whole communities age range.

I would really appreciate if you could reconsider and maybe come up with an alternative solution to your problems. Maybe speak to all the clubs together and see if there's something they can do? Fund raising days, BBQs as it's summer holidays, any kind of event to raise money to help maintain the club. I think you may be surprised as to how many community members would step forward to help keep this club running.

I work with children and think we need to keep the sense of community for them as they grow up and this is a perfect example.

Please reconsider closing the club.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 11:00
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks cc club closure

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as it been brought to my attention that Bucks CC club is potentially going to be closed down.

I personally have been using WMPT as the main part of my fitness regime for a while now, I've made some amazing friends along the way. I've never loved the usual gyms as they make you feel inadequate and uncomfortable. Also my sister and her partner now use the club. There is no way I'd have been able to get them to go to any other gym due to confidence issues and they love keeping fit now as they've been made to feel so comfortable with WMPT.

I have always struggled with my health and fitness and going to WMPT classes helps me maintain my fitness and keeps my weight under control. It is also a social thing for me, as Wes and Mel are fantastic at getting to know their clients on a personal level, it is a family they have created and closure to the venue would have a huge impact on all of us.

I am asking you to seriously consider keeping the club open and taking into account how it will affect the local community if it were to close.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 13:31
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks cc and WMPT

Dear Sir / Madam

Over the last 5 months I have frequented bucks cc several times weekly as part of WMPT for exercise classes, I have never been an exercise junkie but this has become a part of my regular routine. On weekends WMPT members take their children who use the field to play and there is a huge community spirit. The loss of bucks cc would be huge to many people in the local area.

In my previous role as a spinal nurse we also used to take patients there as part of their rehabilitation and I know that this still happens today.

Please give consideration to the current use of bucks cc and how valuable it is to the community.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2017 19:47
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Closure

Good Evening

I am writing in response to the announcement that Bucks CC will be closing as I have been using the facilities since WMPT and my 'gym family' relocated there in April 2017.

My husband and I moved to Aylesbury four and a half years ago and until we found WMPT knew very few people in the area. Since that time we have both become fitter, healthier, happier and have a huge circle of friends.

Unlike a commercial gym Wes Ogle, Mel Ogle and Zoe Thomson know everyone of their members by name, they take time to understand their strengths, weakness and aim to help every individual achieve their goals. What is the most outstanding is the community spirit that this evokes with WMPT and their members meeting outside of the usual classes either socially or to push themselves further with recent trips to tackle the Wendover Woods Fitness Trail and Ivinghoe Beacon, in fact a large number of us have signed up to complete the Bear Grylls survival race for charity!!

In summary after refusing to set foot in a gym for more than 20 years my husband and I now attend around 8 classes a week in the evenings and at weekends and would certainly attend more if the Clubs timetable would allow!!

The impact the closure of the club would have on WMPT and our gym family would be huge and I would ask that you take the above into consideration during your decision making process.

Please let me know if there is any further action that I can take that would help WMPT to retain the use of the venue.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2017 14:40
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: announcement that Bucks CC will be closing

Hello,

I am writing with regards of the announcement that Bucks CC will be closing.

I attend fitness classes at least twice a week at the Bucks CC and the news about the imminent closure of the venue really surprised and worried me. The fitness company is called WMPT and the owners Mel and Wes are extremely passionate in what they do and community focused. I would hate for WMPT to close because they managed to create a sense of belonging and community among who attends their classes.

I'd like to know if there's anything I can personally do to help WMPT keep their venue.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2017 21:51
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC sports and social club

To whom it may concern

I have today learnt of the sad news that the council wish to close the sports and social club on a permanent basis!

Myself and my wife have been members for the last 9 years and our son has played football there for nearly 8 years there which has given him confidence and helped him to make some great friends!

It would be such a shame if the club was unable to continue in some capacity as so many adults and children have used the facilities and there really isn't enough other clubs in Aylesbury to help keep our children keep active and off the streets!

Please consider option 3 in the proposal seriously as I would hate to see this great club disappear!

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 10:44
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 - Bucks Sport and Social Club

My name is [REDACTED], Aylesbury Youth Town Councillor, and I want to express my concern over the council's recommendation to close the Bucks Sport and Social Club. Firstly, the grounds are a vital area for everyone, the field always has children and teenagers playing on it. They have the chance to gain all the benefits of keeping fit and socialising with others, what will these young people do when you close the club and turn it into, "an ASC facility and/or residential" area? These areas must be preserved to ensure the health of children. Alongside that, all the activities that use the club will have to find another space or they will be forced to stop, you will be cutting off these young people from other clubs and sports, which will make it harder for them to socialise and will strain their parents even more.

Secondly, option three, as stated in the paper, has been tried before but they struggled to reach an agreement, however, that shouldn't rule it out this time. This is the best way to move forward and will keep the club going whilst changing it to live within it's means. The paper states, "a significant amount of County Council time would need to be engaged in supporting the process to develop a legal entity to transfer the property to", as a con but wouldn't the council be spending significant time on any option outlined? Additionally, isn't that time worth it if you could save a much loved area for young people and adults? A space to play, socialise and enjoy, which the council plans to remove.

Thirdly, option four will be useless and will prolong your plans to remove the club, if people cannot purchase drinks then why will they go into the club to socialise? The membership will end and the money coming from the bar is lost - this is a very bad option for all parties. You could decrease the range of drinks available to cut some cost but to eliminate it completely has no benefit long term.

Finally, this area isn't just a inconvenience for the council, it's part of the local resident's community. By closing the club, you will be telling young children that they can't go to the club anymore because you'd rather put houses on it. They will no longer have any place to run, to play or to enjoy being outdoors. Instead, they will have to stay inside and the council will be directly responsible for stealing young people's opportunity to stay healthy. If the council do close the club, they must keep some sort of community centre for the local residents. Contact other organisations whom want places to run activities, so maybe they is a chance to get them on board to keep the club alive.

Thank you and I hope you consider my points to choose option three,

Youth Cllr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 19:32
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks Sports & Social Club

Dear Sir/Madame

I was surprised to hear on the radio the other day that a decision had been made about the future of the Bucks Sports & Social Club, particularly as my company supplies items to the club and I have had no contact from anyone from the council regarding this decision.

I have been supplying to the club for the past 30 years the Amusement and Gaming machines. There has been some very good times and some not so good times, but that's very much like a lot of other clubs in the area.

The Bucks Sports & Social Club is a little Jem in the community as it is one of the last remaining, if not the last one, places you can go as a family and enjoy yourself either playing a game of pool, watching a big sporting event on the big screen or even kicking a football about outside, all in the knowledge of knowing they are in a safe environment. No where else in Aylesbury can do that

For the past two years, the staff have have had a tough time trying to run a friendly welcoming club with very little resources, from what I gather but they have done a fantastic job. The last quarter the takes for the machines have seen an increase, like of which we haven't seen for the past 24 months, which is very positive considering the country's economic difficulties at present.

The club needs somebody who has an active interest in the club itself to make it work, I believe you have that somebody already and she's doing a fabulous job at it.

I recommend that you go with option 3 and allow the members the choice in the road they would like to take the club.

It will get there, it just depends how soon.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 20:25
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Future of Bucks Sports and Social Club

In reponse to the recent proposals to close Bucks Sports and Social Club, I would like to register my opinion as a local resident.

I would like the council to consider option 3, to transfer the club to a community interest group. Whilst you claim to have explored this already, I have not heard anything about this.

We moved into the local area 18 months ago and have tried, unsuccessfully, to become members of the club on more than one occasion. The facilities are not advertised and it feels as though the club has been left to go to ruin and neglected so that it can be closed and land sold to benefit the council.

As a mother of two children, it is vital that we have precious green land for them to play sports and stay active. My children regularly use the space to play football and cricket with their friends. With childhood obesity on the rise, sports for children should be encouraged and club such as this kept for the use of the local community.

As a marketing and communications professional, I am disappointed with the lack of publicity and communication around the club and would gladly become involved with a community interest group to help promote the facility and events to raise much needed income for the club to continue.

I do not feel as though the club has been given a chance. Instead of more houses, the local community need this facility.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 20:41
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social club

I am emailing to petition for this club.
My twin sons first joined the football team in 2010 (under 7's) and it was welcoming and positive. They have attended weekly training sessions ever since, and have gained an enormous amount from being part of a community football team. They are now flourishing in the under 12 team and would be devastated we're the club to close. As well as the team coaches, there has been support from the club itself, with annual presentation events, extolling good virtues for growing boys and instilling a sense of pride. In a growing town, we need to maintain grass roots football and this club offers just that. Any option that allows the club to continue must be worth pursuing. My family have been members since 2010 and would remain members were we allowed to be - membership was not accepted last year. Please do not destroy this valuable local resource.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 20:56
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Proposed closure of bucks cc sports and social club

I am devastated about the proposed closure.

I use the club to attend fitness classes 4 times a week as well as many other fellow members. I train with WMPT and since training with them I have gained self confidence and athletic ability. The classes they provide cannot be matched by a commercial gym which I find intimidating and no where near as personal. I do have other concerns than that of losing a training venue which are hard to come by as everything in Aylesbury is being knocked down to build houses to cram our roads with even more traffic.

As stated there TRAFFIC I suppose the land will be sold on and the town will lose this recreation facility and houses will be built making an already busy road IMPOSSIBLE which is scary considering our Ambulance station is only across the road from it's entrance. Therefore hindering the effectiveness of our emergency response teams which already have to deal with so much.

The loss of yet another recreation facility is also a concern of mine. Where will future generations go as these facilities are becoming more and more scarce.

The site has so much potential and is much more beneficial to the community as it is.

Either a new management structure should be put into place or it to be taken over by a community interest. Thank you for taking the time to read my email I hope the feelings of the few show you it's worth saving.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2017 22:53
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks-County-Council-Sports-and-Social-Club

Good evening,

The members of the club should be given a chance to make the club a success. The community needs more sports facilities and amenities. If they want volunteers, then I will give my time. The community need to encourage all ages to get involved with sport and community events. It's not about being 'the best' it's about taking part, being included and having fun. Sport is a great release, it is great for the body and mind. It needs to be encouraged. We do not need more houses. The infrastructure will not be improved. The increase in houses, traffic jams and all the other problems it brings to the area will not make for a better environment. It will cause stress. You won't provide more schooling, doctors or dentists. Spend some of the money you want to spend on houses to bring the club up to date. Updating the club will bring new members, different activities. The club is in lovely grounds. Give the club and community a chance.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 July 2017 07:43
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

It would be a great loss to the local community were this club to close and the land be sold off. With fields all around us in Stoke Mandeville being destroyed for yet more housing, the land provides a green oasis for locals and wildlife. There are going to be a large number of new residents moving into the new housing, all needing a social centre and sports facilities. Children's sports teams use the pitches here regularly and with the rising problem of childhood obesity, anything that encourages youngsters to go outside and exercise is invaluable.

The club would be a great facility *if* it was managed correctly. Our Pilates group has been considering moving out because the floor is never cleaned properly and it's proved virtually impossible to communicate with the supposed manager of the place. Private hiring of the facilities will only increase if the property is maintained to a high standard and has a designated manager to oversee it and liaise with customers.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 July 2017 19:13
To: Democracy Mailbox
Cc: broberts@bcc.gov.uk
Subject: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 - Bucks Sports and Social Club
Attachments: 2017 07 25 letter to Bucks CC.docx

Please find attached a letter from members of the Aylesbury United Invitation Flying Club that we would ask to be submitted for consideration at the meeting regarding Bucks Sports and Social Club.

Thank you. [REDACTED]

As secretary of the Aylesbury United Flying Club, I write on behalf of all members to express our full support for option 3 as outlined in the Council's report to the Resources Cabinet member, Councillor John Chilver.

We joined the Bucks Sports and Social club over thirteen years ago and our members and their families have been keen to support the Bucks Sports and Social club over the years, be it race nights, barbeques, dances or quizzes.

We are the strongest local club of racing pigeon fanciers. Our members use the Bucks Sports and Social club on a minimum of two evenings a week from April to September – usually Fridays and Saturdays – as well as other times for meetings or extra races.

We consider ourselves to be fortunate in having safe storage space for our equipment within the club building, in addition to an outside area where we are able to basket our pigeons. The availability of the car park has meant the lorry used for transporting our birds to race destinations is able to collect our crates of racing pigeons without difficulty. These facilities will not easily be found elsewhere and we would be extremely sorry to lose them. In fact, it could put in question our ability to continue with our sport.

It is indeed sad that lack of maintenance has allowed the building to fall into such a state, but we were pleased with the long overdue renovation of the ladies' and gents' toilets. It must be said here that there is feeling that the lack of maintenance falls on the Council's shoulders. It is also sad to note from the report to the Resources Cabinet Member that there are only 56 members of the Social Club when we have known the membership to be in the hundreds. (Our racing pigeon club alone has 26 members who did and would pay subscriptions to the Social Club as part of the rules of our pigeon club).

The considerable revenue that has been lost due to uncollected subscriptions would have gone part way to supporting running costs.

With the increase of the populace in and around Aylesbury and the decline and planned closure of similar community assets, it somewhat beggars belief that the Council does not want to support the continuance of the Sports and Social Club, albeit in a different format to previous years.

It has been home and headquarters to many organisations over the years and with the right team leading it forward would be able to regain its stature in the community and provide a focal point for the wider population, particularly Aylesbury's aging population and other low cost community groups who would welcome a meeting point to further friendships and enjoy social interaction.

The Stoke Mandeville Aylesbury area is acknowledged globally as the home of the Paralympic sporting movement. Paralysed patients based in Stoke Mandeville Hospital have previously used the Social Club, providing them with a brief respite from their surroundings in hospital. There is nowhere else nearby for them that is as easily accessible as the Social Club. Its closure would impact greatly on them.

It is appreciated that the team leading the Club would need to prove an adequate income to cost ratio as an imperative to continue, but an invitation to the broader community at the same time could go hand in glove in helping to promote a swifter turnaround to the Club's fortunes.

Rather than take the decision on Thursday to “close the whole of the Bucks Sports and Social Club building and external facilities with effect from 31st October 2017” – or any option rather than option 3 - we would ask Councillor John Chilver to grant the team of dedicated people from the Bucks Sports and Social further time to present a strong, financially viable business plan. The seven days given is paltry to say the least.

On a personal note I would say that the **recommendation** of Gill Smith’s email of afternoon of 19th July to me and copied to Terry Day, Aimi Wicks and Bruce Hall would indicate that the of Council has already made its decision. This email is copied below for your information. I find this totally unprofessional.

FW: Bucks Sports and Social Club - Future Use



Smith, Gill (Facilities) <gismith@buckscc.gov.uk>

Wed 19/07/2017 16:04

Cc: Day, Terry (tday@buckscc.gov.uk); Wicks, Aimi (awicks@buckscc.gov.uk); Hall, Bruce (bhall@buckscc.gov.uk)

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Dear Occupiers,

BCC has been looking at options for the future use of the Bucks Sports and Social Club (BSSC). I am able to communicate that the future use options paper is on the forward plan for a Cabinet Member decision.

Objectives:

- To remove the significant cost pressure that arisen in the running costs of the premises.
- Reduce additional pressures caused by allocating management time in operational input to the Bucks Sports and Social Club.
- Ensure that way cleared for future possible development of the site.

Recommendation:

Close the whole Bucks Sports and Social Club building and external facilities with effect from 31st October 2017.

[Existing bookings up until 31st October 2017 will be honoured.](#)

We realise that this news is potentially disappointing and would like to thank you for the support shown to the Club.

We will keep you informed on the outcome of the Cabinet Member decision.

Kind regards,

Gill

Gill Smith
Facilities Manager
Property | Operations | Business Services Plus
Tel: 01296 383931

gismith@buckscc.gov.uk

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED], Secretary

On behalf of members of Aylesbury United Invitation Flying Club

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 July 2017 22:39
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Save our Sports Club and Playing Fields

I have lived in this area for over 40 years when we first moved here the playing field was used for cricket it was great to hear the sound of bat on ball. My sons played football for BCC and we enjoyed many weekends watching them play. I have recently joined a fitness group that run the classes from there, we need to preserve this special place for many generations to come we cannot loose this facility or playing fields. Where will our children play if there are yet more houses built isn't enough that the field adjacent and opposite has been sold for housing. We need to fight to preserve this place.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 July 2017 23:09
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Objection to bucks CC Sports & Social Club Closure

Response to the BCC Report on

Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

Lower Road Stoke Mandeville

July 17 Council Cabinet Consideration

On behalf of the community, patrons & local sporting sectors affected by the outcome of the councils d

Present Situation:

We believe that the present situation is not a fair representation of the financial and community requirement :

1. The loss of £65k stated has been due to the lack of management focus of the facility by the council and representatives
2. Have BCC followed the correct process in advising the Parish Council who have declared the facility Community Value
3. There has been a long term lack of investment strategy by the council and lack of foresight
4. With the present and potential (previous) number of users, the wider community ward coverage and understanding is any decision is a cabinet decision and not a cabinet members decision
5. External sources such as the stated third party legal entity since April 17 are unknown to the commur
6. We believe there is additional unnecessary short-term costs having a direct negative impact - i.e. the membership system has lost £14k pa income. The addition of full time management cost of £30k plus cost volunteer committee
7. The 56 members is a very misleading point, BCC have actively not renewed the membership process prior to this there were over 800 members
8. There has been no BCC marketing of the club or its facilities over the last few years
9. Apart from one fun afternoon in five years BCC have not utilised their own property asset for BCC e
10. BCC if closure is the outcome are going against many central and local government initiatives to improve and well being of the community. The most recent being the Sporting Futures project
11. At no point have BCC truly spoken to or understood the positive community impact the club has had
12. We believe that BCC have deliberately disinvested in the club as a policy to undermine its ongoing v

Points to Note:

At its most recent height some four years ago the club had over 10 sporting sectors covering 500 plus participants number in spectators/parents etc. covering a mix diversity from sex, ethnic, social and financial backgrounds

The most notable decreasing impact on these numbers was due to BCC not investing in changing facilities w from Sporting England and the FA was available. Most recent during the £65k loss period closure of this fac sport sectors away – especially children and women.

Although at present virtually no BCC staff has involvement in the clubs teams, there were many more BCC s involved/participating prior to this disinvestment.

In 2015 BCC agreed an Asset of Community Value with the Parish Council to keep the club open for five years in the interests of the local community. This being the case how is BCC going against this.

Are BCC willing to go against its wellbeing and community obligations purely for monetary gain – especially if a stated loss can be turned around? On the point of taking the short-term money from developers, the area has 100 plus houses planned on top of the 100 plus completed properties around the hospital and club site – there is a community-based asset to provide the social/sporting requirements of the growing local community.

The statement of “The provision of community leisure facilities is not a BCC duty or policy, this falls within the remit of the District Council, our belief is the District Council have and will support the club remaining open.

At any point have BCC looked into funding to improve the facility. We are aware of Sport England, Big Lottery Fund, UKAD to name a few that would invest in such a property. There are also local businesses and indeed many would gladly invest/support a club that is run for their community as this club has for many years.

There is a mention of the alternative delivery model – again we are unsure as to whom, why or what has happened that was unsuccessful and yet you also state other parties being involved since April. We ask for transparency in the decision making process, why have we not as a community had our say.

In most recent months we have seen an increase in users from the hospital, it appears BCC have not involved the community together. We are sure that through effective marketing the BCC hospital/BCC staff and patients could utilise the facility.

Overall we believe BCC have not acted with due diligence in this matter and request the council considers this before making what could be a disastrous decision on the social and well being of the community.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 08:09
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

Hi,
I am writing to you today to express my sheer desperation that you maintain the facilities at Bucks CC Sports and Social Club.
The club it's self as you know is over 100 years old now and the amount of people who have used this facility is in imaginable.

Having been apart of the club for the past 23 years I can honestly say it's been my second home. The amount it means and offers to the local community is priceless and the services it can offer is barely scratching the service.
It was a second home for me growing up, I remember the club being packed to the masses for occasions such as world cups, community football fun days and nearly every [Saturday afternoon](#) after a football match. These moments can be back there again all it needs is a push!!
It's still a massive part of my life now. Even though I live in Milton Keynes I still commute every week to play football and have a drink and catch with the regulars and new members and footballers there whom I class as family.
I understand my view of Bucks cc is tainted due to my love of the place but it really is second to none. The facilities at the moment available plus the potential it has could make it unstoppable if the right person with the club at heart has the opportunity to take it forward.
Please before you make your final decision think about the future of your children/grandchildren and think of the dwindling amount of green area and space we have lost already. The local community need this it's vital.
On a personal level I'm looking to move back to Aylesbury very soon the thought of the club not being around would be like losing a loved one.
I urge you to vote option 3.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 08:49
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

Please do not destroy the bucks cc ground. I've been playing football there since the under 7's and it means a lot to me. I would hate to loose the club.

Kind Regards [REDACTED] age 11
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 08:56
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks Sports and Social Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently had notice that the sports and social centre may be closed. Having worked at Bucks CC and appreciating the hard choices that have to be made re supporting those in need and keeping open a potentially loss making club, however much it is appreciated I understand the trade off. Something has to change however....

As a resident of Winterton Drive who lives nearby and understanding the nature of new housing planned for the area I have suggested that this Bucks CC land should be made into a Bucks CC primary school. The new housing will overwhelm demand for local schools and this site as a primary site would be ideally situated to serve both the new housing and existing housing along Winterton Drive and Kynaston and all roads off-shooting the area. By converting these buildings the fields could be retained and buildings still used to generate revenue in the evenings for keep fit / wedding receptions and sporting competitions. Some dedicated childrens play equipment outside the new school would also serve the area which currently has none without crossing roads. It could serve all interested parties without costing any more than would be needed to provide an alternative educational facility which Must be provided at some point and without buying new land.

I would therefore Strongly suggest that the land IS NOT Sold on for housing but Should be used for providing a better facility to serve the whole community providing a welcome retention of a green space too for local dog-walkers and local kids.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 09:55
To: Democracy Mailbox

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the recent news of the closure of Bucks CC sports and Social club.

I spend 4 out of my 7 days of the week (evening and weekends) at the club taking part in fitness classes with a great team, called WMPT, who are community focused.

WMPT focus on giving classes that are fun and energetic, but still give a good workout. Their classes are different to anything else I have ever attended and I would hate to see them stop. Everyone that attends the classes enjoys them and is addicted to going, so stopping them would leave a big whole in the community as people from all over town attend the classes and we have become a great community of people getting fit and having fun.

The classes I attend are wonderful and i would hate to see WMPT close their doors. Not this would mean i would have to join a chain gym, as there is no other group like WMPT around, everyone else would to. I would hate to see such a great community shut down.

Please consider the WMPT community, who attend 64 classes a month, before making your decision to shut Bucks CC dwn for good, we would hate to have to leave.

Yours Sincerly

[REDACTED]
An active member of the WMPT community

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 11:13
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Cabinet Member Report No R04.17
Attachments: Bucks Community S&SC Proposal.pdf

Please find attached our proposal in response to Cabinet Member Report No R04.17

Yours,

[REDACTED]

(for Bucks Community Sports & Social Club)

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LETTER OF INTENT

Bucks Community Sports &
Social Club
22 Turnfurlong,
Aylesbury, Bucks,
HP21 7PT

Wednesday 25rd July 2017

Attn: Gill Smith
Report to Cllr John Chilver (Resources Cabinet Member)

RE: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 - Proposal for Bucks Sports and Social Club

Dear Gill,

We are writing in response to the above report and the future of the Club and its impact on the community depending on the decision made. We as a committee of Club users and local community with direct and long term knowledge of the Club and its services (previous and potential) wish to provide an alternative to closure to help BCC in providing a community based and beneficial outcome.

Our proposal is in two stages:

Initial Stage

- To move forward as a CIC on a tenancy basis with BCC to allow a community committee manage the day to day operations of the club, taking all operational decisions
- We will look to cover any losses to BCC in the first year of operation
- During this first year BCC agree to allow us to change the Club name, fully promote the Club and pricing of its activities, instigate our own Club website and to introduce an on line booking system for the Club facilities.

Second Stage

- With BCC assistance we will explore options to assist in achieving a capital receipt to BCC.
- To engage with the Parish Council who have a declared Asset of Community Value in place.
- These or other options to be explored would be on a long term tenancy basis.
- We will also explore other partners and the possibility of changing to a Charity status as we believe there will be many more opportunities to gain funding

We understand similar successful models of this nature exist. With our knowledge, spirit and community backing we will make this an example of a devolved service that we and BCC can be proud of!

Bucks Community Sports &
Social Club
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Wednesday 25rd July 2017

PROPOSAL

Attn: Gill Smith
Report to Cllr John Chilver (Resources Cabinet Member)

RE: Cabinet Member Report No. R04.17 -Proposal for Bucks Sports and Social Club

Dear Gill,

We are writing regarding the proposal options for Bucks CC Sport and Social club (the Club) and ask that you don't choose option 2.

We have been long time members and associates of the Club and have been trying since last September, with the agreement of John Chilver, to set up an organisation to effectively run this Community Asset.

Our attempts to manage this facility for a wider community use have been thwarted at several points in our approach by an ex-representative. This opportunity gives us the openness to present our case, which some of your executive staff have been waiting for.

Bucks Community Sports and Social Club has the legal framework as a **Community Interest Club (CIC)** and agreed T&C's which we have had available since April.

We would like to offer a solution to the pressures being felt by the council with regard to this facility, by proposing an option –

1 – going forward as a Landlord/Tenant relationship with Bucks Community Sports and Social Club as the delivery vehicle for these services.

In your report: R04.17 you have listed four options, one of which would be of interest to us:

No.3) Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle, for example transfer the club to a Community Interest organisation.

We believe that with this option, the financial pressures on the Council would be alleviated and would not be responsible for the site in terms of resource and funding. The current management input costs would also be alleviated.

Our vision:

Has always been to develop this site as the “hub” of the community.

With the pressure of new developments all around, there has never been a greater need. The club has always been a home to a variety of sports sections providing social and health wellbeing to the diverse local community/residents in both economic and ethnic background terms.

At the moment and for the past several years we have been developing a great sporting ethic at the club.

With experience of operating clubs for running, table tennis, darts, tennis, netball, pool, archery, pigeon racing, badminton football, plus introducing new clubs as we have recently done such as keep fit classes, martial arts and boxing. A truly diverse range of activities for which any community would be proud of and to engage with.

We currently have upwards of 200 prospective members waiting to join the new venture.

We are particularly proud of our football section, being awarded the prestigious FA Charter Community Award, by Sir Trevor Brooking.

An area of concern would be the lack of changing facilities. The successful football section previously had agreement with the FA and Sport England to provide new changing facilities and a possible astro pitch – their commitment was around £250k with the club/members raising around £30k. We believe this offer could be re-explored and if agreed would be the main reason for the return of its sport section glory days. We would then be able to re-market and expand greatly the sports side to the club. Attaining this would be no cost to the Council as the £30k as a one off would be met by varied fundraising/local people/business donations. The renewed changing facilities would encourage further pitch use and further activities can be looked at i.e. walking football – an up and coming community activity. Annual events such as the football section five a side days, and Charity events such as Cancer Research 24hr Walk (an event we were offered, but sadly turned down by the current management team.) There has also been cricket, rugby and soccer summer camps at the club via respected businesses such as Wycombe and Arsenal FC – again the changing facilities would bring these back.

If completed, this would be a real gem for the Council and the local community.

Another aspect to our community offering is that we are a meeting place for various groups, at the moment we manage a toddler/play group, host RAOB club meetings and provide motor cycle training on site in a safe environment. We plan to expand the groups using the site at the moment and to improve the facilities, as we have good relations with a local Audio Visual company who would look to provide updated communication facilities for conferences and smaller meetings in the bar and main hall.

We plan to increase our social events calendar to include comedy and open mic nights, as we already host quiz nights, sports presentations, festivals and are a local venue for groups. We are already noted as a community site preferred for wedding receptions, wakes, christening celebrations and are regular hosts to birthday and children’s parties.

The Bar has always played a part in the social menu of the club and we would like this to continue.

A local Brewery Supplier has agreed to refit the Cellar area, the Beer Lines and Optics if we introduce their ales. Indeed with the growing craft beer craze the new club could sell or introduce local offerings.

Together with minimal refurbishment of the kitchen area and gaining of a food license would

further enhance the clubs offering, although local mobile food providers have and would continue to offer services at the club for events/grass use.

The club is uniquely sited opposite the hospital and we have provided both financial fund raising and support to the hospital (over £20k in five years) and to the home of the Air Ambulance. In recent years we have hosted the Florence Nightingale beer festival and look forward to regaining that option at the club. Again with the hospital connection we have managed to bring our social side to the benefit of many of the Hospital staff and Spinal Unit patients. This we would hope to encourage further.

As a real community undertaking we have had the pleasure of working with Booker Park Special Needs School to enable them to use our site.

With our combination of management staff – from entrepreneurs, business executives, totally committed community members, and previous club committee members who understand the clubs finances, we have everything needed to take this site to the next level. Our experience of managing devolved services could make this to a model to inspire other Councils.

We need the freedom to promote the site, use our own website and become more transparent with an on-line booking system.

We wish to remain as a Sports and Social Club to continue improving and providing a wider service to the Community. We will provide cost effective services, that has and will have, a positive impact on the social and wellbeing of the local community. We will ensure that the current deficit is overturned in the first year of operation.

Our proposal:

To consider Bucks Community Sports and Social Club as your alternative delivery vehicle, so that we can drive forward our vision of our Community and become the pride of the Council, providing a quality community facility and thus enhancing the reputation of the County Council. We are also aware that the Parish Council has registered the site as a Community Asset and would welcome discussions with the Parish Council and other partners to explore how the entire site could be run for the benefit of the Community.

We hope you see the benefits of our proposals and give them due consideration.

What could be better than Community members running a Community Asset for the benefit of the wider Community.

We look forward the hearing from you.

Yours sincerely


(for Bucks Community Sports and Social Club.)

Continuation :
Overview of proposed revenue stream.
Heads of Terms and Conditions (TBC)
Previous pedigree of the Club.

Revenue Stream (in brief):

Reintroduce membership fees for all participants and patrons –
target 1000 members at an average £15.00 per family. £15k pa

By increasing day use we can gain an average of two days a week
at £40.00 per hour. £25k pa

Marketing lead increase in function hall booking to once a week (presently
is one every two weeks). £15k pa
Associated increase in Bar takings. £26k pa

Additional one night per week evening event (quizzes, open mics, bingo etc.)
at £40 per hour. £3k pa
Associated increase in Bar takings. £5k pa

Football section returning to the site for all home fixtures (presently/latterly
many off site due to no changing facilities) at £20 per match. £4k pa

Increasing of present bar staff wages/responsibilities but removal of full
time management role. Saving of £20k pa

We believe the above is conservative and with little outlay or added cost however, it clearly demonstrates
how a change of focus, investment in specific facilities and the utilisation of willing community, volunteers
and professionals, there can be a dramatic change in the Clubs fortunes.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES,
LOWER ROAD, STOKE MANDEVILLE**

**DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS FOR PROPOSED LEASE TO SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
COMMITTEE (Subject to Contract)**

THE PARTIES

Landlord: Buckinghamshire County Council

Tenant: The Committee of Bucks Community Sports and Social Club
Contact: The Club Secretary Robert Beel Address as above

THE DEMISE

The land and buildings comprising the County Council's Sports & Social Club premises, Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville and as indicated by red edging on plan to be attached to the lease.

LEASE TERM

The lease to be for a term of 25 years and either party may terminate the lease on or before the third anniversary of the term commencement subject to the service of not less than 6 months' prior written notice. The Tenant will have the first option to continue/renew the Lease after the agreed first term, as it is written.

SECURITY OF TENURE

The lease to exclude the Security of Tenure Provisions of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 Pt II

PERMITTED USER

The premises to be used for the purposes of a community sports and recreational club facility including public events.

The Tenant to ensure no activities take place which are incompatible with the ethos and policies of the Council

Current members of the Club who are employed by the County Council shall be permitted to continue in membership and the Tenant will also have the intervention of the County Council to help increase their membership when requested.

Future applications for membership by other County Council staff shall not be unreasonably rejected

RIGHTS RESERVED

The Landlord to reserve any rights of access necessary in relation to the maintenance repair etc. of its adjacent retained properties

ALIENATION

No assignment or underletting permitted. However, hiring's of a temporary nature shall be permissible subject to all income generated being used solely for the benefit of the facility

WORKS

The Council as Landlord to undertake an agreed schedule of works - time scale and full specification yet to be agreed but likely to include the demolition of the pavilion building and re-

provision of changing room facilities.

MAINTENANCE AND DECORATION

The Landlord to be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the premises which, for the avoidance of doubt must include, but not be limited to, the testing of the electrical wiring to the premises (such testing to be carried out not later than 5 years from the previous testing). Also the servicing and repair of the boiler, gas supply pipe testing and servicing, repair and function testing of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

However, the Tenant shall not be obliged to put the property into a better state of repair than it is in at the commencement of the lease (with the exception of any works which the landlord has agreed to undertake after the lease commencement) such condition to be evidenced by a photographic schedule of condition appended to the lease.

ALTERATIONS

No alterations or improvements to be permitted unless first approved by the Landlord.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The Tenant to be responsible for maintaining adequate firefighting equipment and to undertake weekly function testing of the fire alarm system. Also to ensure all staff/volunteers are familiar with fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures

CONSENTS

The Tenant to obtain any necessary consents relating to the Tenant's use and occupation of the premises including the obtaining of any alcohol licence

INSURANCE

The Landlord to be responsible for insuring the buildings while the Tenant would be responsible for insuring the contents.

Also the Tenant to provide public liability insurance to the Landlord's satisfaction (level of cover currently required is £10m and to indemnify and keep indemnified the Landlord from and against all costs claims actions and demands arising from any accidents or injury (including death) of any person or any damage to property arising out of its use of the premises save and except such as shall arise by the sole and direct negligence of the Landlord.

RENT

£1 per annum if demanded.

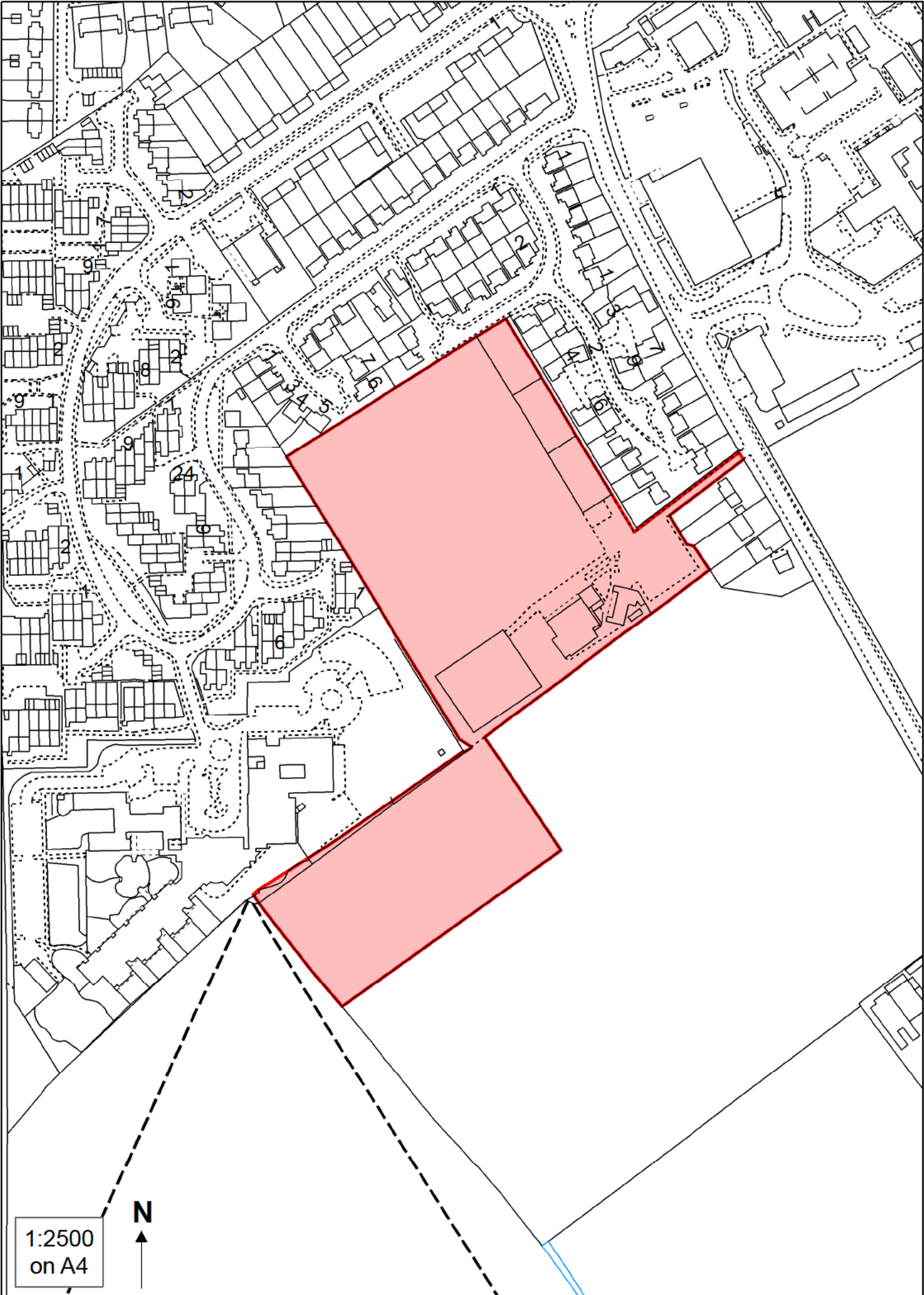
OUTGOINGS

The Tenant to be responsible for all outgoing including utility charges and Business Rates.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 The Tenant to comply with the Landlord's no smoking policy.
- 2 All electrical equipment to be subject to annual PAT testing and no equipment to be used on the premises unless it has been subject to such testing.
- 3 The Tenant to ensure no unreasonable disturbance is caused to the occupiers of neighbouring properties

BCC Sports & Social Club, Lower Road, Aylesbury



Our pedigree:

As stated the committee behind this proposal have been involved with the Club for many years. Our drive and ambition have forged relationships and success that we believe are unparalleled.

Even without full autonomy our sports sections and community members have proven alliances with local businesses, sponsors and charities, all of whom will deal with us in the future. Apart from listing many below I attach a wealth of previous success stories including those supported by previous mayor(s):

The FA
Sport England
Barclays Bank
West Ham Utd
Aylesbury Audi
Motts
Wycombe Wanderers
MK Dons
Stoke Mandeville Hospital
Watford FC
Arsenal FC
Sir Trevor Brooking (FA)
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council
Michael Anthony Estate Agents
Pebblebrook School
Cancer Research
David Beckham Academy
Ray James (Sports council Chairman)
Aylesbury Vale Sports Council
Berks & Bucks FA
John Bercow (Parliament speaker)
Bucks County Museum
Bucks Sport
Denise Summers (former Mayor)
The Horse Trust
Ashmead School
The Air Ambulance
QPR FC
Butlins
Booker Park School
The Guides
Florence Nightingale Hospice
Stocklake Park School
Stoke Mandeville School & Combined School
The Willow Foundation

The club has raised over £20k in the last few years for local charities.

Notable history:

Sir Trevor highlights Bucks's role in community football

by Steve Gillett
Sports reporter
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ENGLAND legend Sir Trevor Brooking visited Bucks CC FC last week in recognition of the club's extensive community links and commitment to grassroots football in Aylesbury.

The FA's Director of Football Development, Sir Trevor has made no secret of his concerns about the lack of English homegrown talent - and believes clubs such as Bucks CC, who achieved Charter Standard Community Club status this July, are crucial to the development of the game.

As part of the visit, the former West Ham star was shown around Booker Park and Mandeville schools to see the community links they have fostered with Bucks CC - before heading back to the club's base at the Bucks County Council Sports and Social Club in Lower R

Booker Park. Sir Trevor attended a presentation and got a flavour for the school's work with the club.

Bucks CC FC coaches have held sessions with 30 pupils from the school over the last ten weeks as part of 'The Three Lions Programme', an initiative which focuses on children participating in sport regardless of their circumstances or abilities.

Afterwards, the school's development manager, Chris Ludlow said: "This has been an excellent programme for our pupils, they have not only enjoyed playing football but there has been a noted difference in their behaviour from the first session to the last."

Sir Trevor was then given a tour



Sir Trevor Brooking, the FA's director of football development presents Charter Standard to Bucks CC last week with club chairman Chris Paterson and Paula Carvill

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of specialist sports college, Mandeville School.

The school has close links with Bucks CC FC, as many of the club's youngsters attend the school and form part of its football scholarship scheme.

Mandeville's PE teacher Scott Kennedy epitomises the link: playing for, and coaching at Bucks CC. Mandeville headteacher Peter Patchett showed the school's development plans to Sir Trevor.

He said: "Sir Trevor was genuinely interested in what we are building here and our vision for the future."

On his return to the clubhouse, Sir Trevor - who played Sunday

League football for 14 years following his retirement from the professional game - listened to club officials Mike Ward and Ken O'Sullivan give an overview of the club's intentions and growth to date.

Sir Trevor then captivated club members with his take on the development of grassroots football - before congratulating the club on their achievements.

He said: "It's wonderful to see what Bucks CC are achieving. Good facilities and good clubs are hard to find, but when we find one like Bucks CC we (the FA) must continue to support them."

Following his speech, Brooking took time to sign autographs, before enjoying a quiet drink in the bar with club members.

Afterwards, Bucks CC FC chairman Chris Paterson was delighted with the visit.

He said: "It's been great for the club to have Trevor visit our home. He was very interested and complimentary of our achievements - all thanks to the wonderful, dedicated people at the club."

To see the full interview with Sir Trevor and his speech on the English game, see BHTV @ www.bucksherald.co.uk



£1,000 raised for charity

Football

BUCKS CC FC held their annual six-a-side tournament at the weekend and despite poor weather, welcomed more than 120 teams and 2,000 people for a great day of football.

Mayor Denise Summers was accompanied by Chris Ludlow, Dave Aitchison and Stoke Leys School pupil Gordon Kenton in accepting a cheque for £1,021.

The money was raised by the players from Bucks CC FC to help their charity of the year - Stoke Leys School.

The money raised through a variety of events including quizzes, penalty shoot-outs and a managers' match, will be used by the school for sporting equipment.

Cllr Summers, a self-confessed football fanatic, was delighted with the donation. She said: "They are all fabulous. I know young lads like football but for them to want to take the time to help those who are less fortunate than themselves is indicative of the ethos of the whole club."

All age groups from under eight through to under 16 were represented in an event sponsored by Michael Anthony estate agents. One sponsor, Simon Willlock, of Simply Ceilings, presented 144 players with medals for their efforts.

Roll of honour: under nine winners were Leighton Town FC A with runners up Leighton FC B team. The section was sponsored by World Youth Promotions.



THANK YOU: Town Mayor Denise Summers (centre) with the cheque for more than £1,000 which is going to help Stoke Leys School buy some sports equipment
Picture: Terry Powell 16071p02

The under 10s was sponsored by NTB and won by Aston Clinton FC as Glanister Youth FC finished second.

The under 11 section, sponsored by High Tide Takenway, was won by Aylesbury Town FC with

Kennington Boys FC runners up. Kennington Boys FC were victorious in the under 12s as Thame Boys FC came second in the group sponsored by C&P Jewellers.

The under 13 section, sponsored by Foresight, was won by Risborough Rangers

FC A with Aylesbury Athletic FC B team finishing runners up. The under 15 section was sponsored by William Harding Charity and was won by Aylesbury Town FC B team with

Loddwater FC in second. The under 16 group, sponsored by

Michael Anthony estate agents, was won by Wendover FC B team with Bucks CC FC Black runners up.

Bucks CC FC would like to thank all the managers and players for attending this year and in particular Bucks CC Sports and Social Club for hosting

the event and all who helped contribute to a successful day.

● AYLESBURY United Ladies football team are desperately seeking a manager for their reserve side. Anyone interested should contact Jerry Dimond on 01296 656387.

FOOTBALL

Bucks CC girls show we can beat Germans on penalties after victory



Bucks CC Girls with special guest, Speaker John Bercow

BUCKS CC Girls came out on top at the Buckingham Town International Twinning Tournament over the weekend winning the Plate competition in a penalty shoot out against the German side Neukirchen-Vluyn.

Following the preliminary stages Bucks were into the plate cup with Woburn Lionesses and Neukirchen, each had to play each other with score draws being more points than no score draws. Bucks CC played the Neukirchen first, Beth Chilcott giving Bucks the lead following a Steph James corner which Chilcott forced in from close range. Bucks stayed on top until the last minute when Neukirchen equalised from another corner. The second game against Woburn was harder, neither side wanting to give anything away for a 0-0 draw, Woburn repeated the score with their match against Neukirchen leaving the German girls and Bucks to fight it out in a

penalty shoot out. Neukirchen only scored one of their first four penalties, hitting the post once, over the bar once and one spectacular save from Bucks Keeper Rebecca Ruby. Bucks scored two of their first four, penalty takers Sam Beckett, Stacy Scales, Beth Chilcott and Steph James, the latter two scoring. Neukirchen went up for their fifth and final penalty, Ruby stood tall, as the ball hit the post the referee blew and the Bucks girls swamped their hero keeper with joy!

Bucks full squad for the 11 a side tournament was Rebecca Ruby, Abbey Joseph(C), Michaela Scales, Stacy Scales, Caitlin Joseph, Beth Chilcott, Hope McKintyre, Melissa Daniels, Rachel Lewis, Steph James, Sam Beckett and new girl Megan Wheatley.

Bucks were presented the award from the Speaker of the House John Bercow, shown in the picture with the Bucks CC FC Girls.

Football

Bucks celebrate year of achievement

BUCKS CC FC finished off another very successful season with four excellent presentation events at Bucks CC Sports and Social Club attended by more than 600 players, managers, parents and friends.

As a club during the season Bucks CC FC were honoured to win the Berks & Bucks County FA Charter Community Club for the third successive year.

They also picked up the Aylesbury South Sports Council Club of the Year and Team of the Year with an individual Outstanding Contribution award for Club Development officer Ken O'Sullivan.

Individual team successes were recognised with the Under 12 teams winning league honours and the Under 16 team was presented with the Ward Paterson trophy for winning the County Cup in successive seasons and the League Division 1

title for the fifth year out of six seasons.

A major step forward has been the continued development of girls' football and the introduction of a ladies team – the girls have just won successive tournaments a great achievement for which the club is very proud.

Club secretary Mike Ward was master of ceremonies, supported by a presentation that contained photographs and a video from the season.

The video presentation was again one of the highlights where appropriate shots from the season are put to music and this year the FA Respect video was added into the proceedings to reinforce the need to support all referees and officials.

Bucks were fortunate to have two footballers to present the awards; Nathan Graham of Aylesbury FC presented one session to the younger kids and

ex MK Dons Captain Paul Mitchell supported the remainder.

This was the first opportunity for Paul to see the club in his role as MK Dons Ambassador.

He remarked: "It is an amazing club from the warmth I have been given by all to the format and execution of some very professional presentations and watching the season video I can see that Bucks CC take on board their community club status fully."

"We look forward to working with the club in the coming seasons."

All of the players were presented with a medal for representing the club before individual awards were presented in tandem with a season review from each manager all of whom were presented with various gifts from the parents and players as a token of their appreciation

for their hard work and efforts during the season.

A specific highlight of the evening was the inaugural presentation of a President's award, donated to the club by Dennis Capel and Pauline Turnbull of Aylesbury Saints FC for an individual that has given so much to the club over the last fifteen years.

The award went deservedly to chairman Chris Paterson, who is the driving force behind the club's growth.

Paterson commented in an emotional speech: "I am pleased to see the continued development of Bucks CC FC during last season in all age groups."

"I am so proud of the individual FA and local county awards we continue to win."

"We are very fortunate to have an excellent management team that is fully committed to develop Bucks CC FC."



Football

Juniors learn how to bend it like Beckham

BUCKS CC Juniors FC had a great day out at The David Beckham Academy in Greenwich London on Saturday as part of their ongoing FA Community Club status.

There was more than 100 Bucks CC youngsters present along with club coaching staff.

The group were shown around the former England skipper's hall of fame where various signed memorabilia was on display including Beckham's boots with which he scored that stunning winner against Greece, which sealed England's World Cup qualification.

The players then enjoyed more than four hours of training and mini-matches coached by the Beckham staff.

Bucks CC development officer Ken O'Sullivan said: "The day was arranged for both the interest value of Beckham and the opportunity to have our players

coached by professional coaches, indeed with our own coaches allowed to join in and watch some alternative sessions, it was an invaluable learning day for us all." If you want to be part of the Bucks CC team, girls or boys, visit their website at www.bucksccfootball.co.uk

Bucks CC Juniors enjoyed a day out at The David Beckham Academy in Greenwich as part of their ongoing FA Community Club status

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Football

BUCKS CC FC PLAYERS AWARDS -

Bucks CC FC honoured players and managers at their annual senior presentation night on Saturday at the Bucks CC Sports and Social Club in Stoke Mandeville.

The senior section of the club includes the U16s, reserves and the first team, who were all recognised with squad and individual awards.

As part of the proceedings there was a video message from the club's absent chairman, Chris Paterson, a special one minute synopsis in memory of previous Bucks CC manager Tom Sparkes and a special acknowledgement for long standing player Gary Wray.

Gary was surprised by not only scooping the first team clubman award but also the 'This is your Footballing Life' presentation by Mike Ward and Phil Pascal.

Wray said: "I was stunned, a little embarrassed but overjoyed with the presentation especially seeing some old friends again. The thought and feeling that came out through the presentation shows what a great club Bucks CC is."

Awards list: U16 - clubman: James White/Stephen Lindsey, most improved: Tsayo Fawole, top scorer: Ryan Bisco, supporters player: Shazad Hussain, players' player: Aaron Rogers, manager's player: Sam Ashmead.

Reserves - most improved: Dan Gaffney, top scorer: Seb Page, players' player: Luke Yarwood, manager's player: Steve Swindlehurst.

First team - most improved: Alec Bell, top scorer: James Baxter, players' player: Alex Stortzynski, manager's player: Dean Horlock.

TOP AWARD FOR 'INNOVATIVE' BUCKS

AYLESBURY football club Bucks CC is the latest winner of the Aylesbury Financial Services Sports Award.

Bucks, which has a thriving youth section, were awarded the coveted FA Community Club award in March at the new Wembley.

It was the first such presentation to a club at the new Wembley.

The award, the first for an Aylesbury club and recognising Bucks's good practice, has so far been given to only 200 clubs in the UK and just six in the Berks and Bucks region.

The FA award is the pinnacle of grass roots club development, which not only denotes high level of football, administration and safety, but adds real involvement in the surrounding community.

Now Bucks have picked up the Aylesbury Financial Services Sports Award to recognise their achievement.

Ray James, a former sports council chairman and district councillor, presented Bucks with a trophy and a cheque for £50 at their Stoke Mandeville home on Friday. With them is award sponsor John Newman.

Social club chairperson Paula Carvill said: "I'm thrilled for the



Social Club chairperson Paula Carvill receives a £50 cheque and a trophy from ex-sports council chairman Ray James, with Bucks CC members looking on

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football side of the club in winning this and the FA award, they are a massive part of the club, it really helps to put us on the map."

The quarterly award, now in its

17th year, is organised by Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council, the *Bucks Herald* and the award sponsor.

The winner was chosen from articles appearing in this paper

between January and March.

The award strives to acknowledge sporting excellence and people who make a big contribution to the Aylesbury Vale sporting community.

BUCKS CC JOIN PARTY AT WEMBLEY

BUCKS CC went into the new Wembley's history books when they received the coveted FA Community Club award on Saturday.

A delegation from Bucks were invited to receive the award during the half-time interval of the first ever game at the new Wembley - an Under 21 international between England and Italy.

The plaque was presented in front of 60,000 spectators - the first such presentation to a club at the new Wembley.

Bucks club chairman Chris Paterson said: "I was so proud to receive the award not just for me but also for the club. We are now in Wembley history as the first club presentation at the new Wembley."

The Bucks CC delegation included club development manager Ken O'Sullivan, chairman Chris Paterson, head coach Trevor Griffiths and Bob Walter, a Berks and Bucks FA council member.

The FA's presentation party included Sir Trevor Brooking and Ray Berridge.

The award, the first for an Aylesbury club, has so far been given to only 200 clubs in the UK and just six in the Berks and Bucks region.

The Community standard adds to the Charter standard award Bucks achieved in 2006 and a five-year development plan that includes links with local football clubs, schools and other community bodies.

Ken O'Sullivan, from Bucks CC club development, said: "The award notes our standard of coaching, organisational structure and quality of football attainment at the club."

"However, we are taking it further by adding not just the Community element but also off pitch benefits such as days out, tours, match tickets and external coaching giving our players that little bit extra."

Head coach Trevor Griffiths said: "It's been a great day out, an entertaining game and seeing the first goal at the new Wembley. Then the presentation."

"Sir Trevor Brooking was fantastic as we had the opportunity



Pictured at Wembley on Saturday (from left) are the Bucks CC delegation of Ken O'Sullivan, Ray Berridge, Bob Walter, Chris Paterson, Trevor Griffiths and Sir Trevor Brooking

of speaking to him on and off the field for about 10 minutes. What a memory it will be for me."

Sir Trevor was very complimentary about Bucks CC's achievements; "This is a real community club - and one that

deserves local support to preserve its identity and growth in the future - it is vitally important that children have an opportunity to develop in the right environment at clubs like the Bucks CC."



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- 2 Look for the Sport headline 'Submit your report'

- 3 Click on the link 'Submit your match reports' and follow the on-screen instructions

Football



Town Mayor Cllr Denise Summers presents the FA Charter Standard to Bucks CC chairman Chris Patterson at Bucks CC Sports and Social Club on Saturday. With them (from left) are first team manager Trevor Griffiths, the Berks and Bucks FA's Freya Coombes, UEFA 'A' Licence coach educator Peter Wright and Ken O' Sullivan, from Bucks CC's football development. PHOTOGRAPH: RICHARD DUGGAN 180206501

Bucks provide safe and fun environment for kids

BUCKS CC are the first club in the Aylesbury Vale to be awarded the prestigious FA Charter Standard.

The Aylesbury football club was required to meet set standards of coaching, administration and child protection to be eligible for the award.

Town Mayor Cllr Denise Summers presented them with

the award on Saturday.

"It's great to see the club recognised in this way," said club secretary Mike Ward.

"The commitment of club officials and coaches was shown as to gain the award each of the 12 teams has to have an FA Coaching Standard Certified Coach.

"This meant that each coach

gave up a few of their weekends last year to achieve the required coaching qualification."

He added: "This means that any boy, girl or even adult - as the club covers all age groups - can count on an organised, safe and fun environment to help them develop in the game."

Ward would like to thank parents, coaches, sponsors and

players for their support in gaining the award. The FA will officially present Bucks CC with the Charter Standard when England Under 21s take on their Norway Under 21s at Reading FC on February 28. Any youngster, particularly girls, who would like to join Bucks should contact them through their website at www.bucksccfootball.co.uk.

Bucks CC U14
Thame Boys U14

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BUCKS CC's first home game of the season saw a very solid performance against a good Thame side. Bucks went in 1-0 at half time from a Sean Coles goal with the match being very tight.

The second half saw Bucks get into their stride with two goal Teyo Richards finishing; the first was unusual for him as he missed with a header.

The second saw Teyo weave his magic past a couple of defenders before slotting the ball home.

Sean Coles, last week's man of the match, and Josh Saw took control of the midfield.

This week's man of the match went to central defender Sam O'Sullivan who commanded the defence and the bigger Thame forwards with some very tough tackling.

Another performance to note was Bucks new boy John Jones playing along side O'Sullivan in defence against his former club.

The new central-defensive pairing gelled very well and looked as if it will give Bucks a solid backbone for the future.

Football

Bucks CC have great day at Loftus Road

BUCKS CC FC had another fun day out at QPR's Loftus Road on Saturday.

A contingent of nearly 50 players and parents went on the day which consisted of a ground tour, a two hour training session before their Championship match with leaders Watford.

Bucks also received match tickets and they then had the opportunity to play in front of 15,000 fans in the Pritt Stick challenge at half time.

All of the Bucks players went onto the pitch at half time; each then took a run from the halfway line past two inflatable Pritt Sticks before having a shot at goal - all with the crowd cheering them on.

Andy Evans, of QPR, arranged

the day with Ken O'Sullivan, from Bucks CC Football Development as part of the club's FA Charter Standard Community Status.

Evans said on Saturday, "We are delighted to have Bucks CC here today. Having spoken to the club and visited their premises we can see that they really do want to be inclusive and fully support their community status. QPR will continue to be a part of this."

Andy also presented the Community Payment to Bucks CC Under 11 manager Steve Short together with QPR player Michael Mancienne.

Steve, a life long QPR fan, summed up the day: "This is a great day for me to be on the pitch in front of the crowd, feeling the atmosphere from the centre



Michael Mancienne, left, presents a plaque to Bucks CC manager Steve Short (right) and Andy Evans (centre) at Saturday's game

On This Day In History

1901: The first America's



Sporting stars get their reward

Top talents scoop awards at Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council presentations



Winners gather at the Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council Awards on Monday. AYLESBURY's top sporting talents were recognised for their achievements over the last year in a special awards night.

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council Awards went to athletes from around the county who had showed exceptional spirit in their disciplines and helped out the wider community.

Chairman of the Sports Council, Bryan Adams, said: "It went really well, the response from the chil-

dren was fantastic." One of those who received an award was Leah Picillo who rounded off a successful year by being se-

'The response from the children was fantastic'

lected as part of the national talent programme. This was despite missing five

months training in 2009 due to a foot operation.

Maxwell Swim Club, which Picillo is a member of, also came off with the club of the year award.

This was for their contribution both in and out of the pool as they had success at National Competitions and have branched out into the local community.

The Junior Male award went to Sam Ward after he became the youngest player to make a debut for

Aylesbury United and also helped coach disabled children.

In the adults category there were awards for Michael Everest and Mandy Oxlade.

Everest won 40 gold medals in wheelchair snooker while Oxlade won 10 gold medals in the same sport. Michael's father Stephen Everest was also recognised for his contribution to sport, as was Stoke Mandeville Combined, Mandeville School and Bucks CC FC U16s.

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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Football is now the top sport for girls in Bucks

GIRLS football is dramatically increasing in popularity in Bucks with football now the most widely played female sport, writes Lisa Welling.

Opportunities are increasing, the eagerly anticipated summer National Super League is due to start in 2011 offering contracted football for talented girls and will hopefully promote the game further.

On a local level, the Bucks Girls Football League host 90 per cent of the girls teams in our county, and with a direct link to the Thames Valley County Women's Football League, women can continue playing localised football into adulthood.

Opportunities to take up young leadership, coaching and officiating have never been more accessible to females. They can now study and train daily at academies for 16-19 year olds as well as trial for centres of excellence.

There are lots of local teams that will gladly recruit more players of any ages.

Girls can play from seven years upwards and the league is geographically split into the South and North so travelling is minimised. This season will see the return of monthly development festivals at Fairford Leys where beginners aged seven to 11 years can come



The Bucks CC girls side gather for a team photograph.

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and play friendly matches with local teams. All teams are holding free taster sessions.

Aylesbury Phoenix: Wednesday, September 1 at Alfred Rose Park 5pm-6.30pm.

Risborough Rangers: Saturday September 4 at Wades Park 9.30am-11am.

Vale Reds: Saturday August 28 at Fairford Leys 9-10.30am.

Bucks CC: Girls mid September the - Bucks Sport & Social.

At 16 years girls can move to senior ladies football notably into the local ladies league which covers teams from Berkshire, Bucks & Oxfordshire. This league is now home

to more than 40 women's teams split in five divisions with the lower divisions being geographically split either side of the M40 to be accessible to more players.

Aylesbury United Ladies are well established in the league and have just been promoted to Division 1.

With parents now appreciating the benefits of girls playing a team sport from an earlier age, it seems to have sparked something in mums who have started to set up their own social football groups.

Training once a week for fitness and confidence building this season they will play in some informal friendlies against other social teams. All are keen to hear from any other women who may like to join in or set up their own team with friends.

Bucks CC and Prestwood mums both have get togethers and will be running free sessions during the Reactivate Week in September. For more information go to www.buckssport.org

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above or have any questions regarding female football in the county contact the girls and women's football development officer Lisa Welling (lwelling@buckssport.org) or go to the Girls Football section of the Bucks Sport website.



Taylor, Steve

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Smith, Gill (Facilities); Chilver, John - (County Councillor); Roberts, Brian - (County Councillor)
Cc: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Date Correction

Bucks community Sports and Social Club.

RE: Cabinet Member Report No R04.17

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Bucks CC sports club

To whom it may concern

I am writing this e-mail in support of keeping the Bucks CC sports club opened. I am part of the WMPT group that uses the club a number of times each week and it is a great facility for people like me that prefer to be a part of local community rather than part of a corporate chain group.

The reason why the Sports Club is so great is that it is accessible to so many people. It has a lovely feel of an open space in the middle of town. These are so rare these days! The town is very busy, which is natural for a growing community, but there are so few spaces that are available for the residents and local families, which are also safe.

Due to this, my friends who attend the classes with me are able to bring their children in to this safe environment and therefore keep fit, maintain family life and educate children from an early age that fitness is important as well as the interaction with different groups. I know that they would not be able to do this in a commercial gym.

Please keep this facility open so we can maintain our local Aylesbury community.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
WMPT community

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 14:04
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: BCC sports and social club
Attachments: Mix96 Petition Feedback.docx

To whom this concerns,

Attached are the comments provided by the local community regarding the potential closure of the BCC sports and social club. we have over 200 messages from people who use the facilities and signed our petition our petition is growing day by day with around 600 signatures in 5 days.

I really hope you read all the statements provided which shows the volume of people affected.

Thanks for your time

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Media/Petition – Stop the Closure

Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

Since the Mix 96 announcement there has been negative feedback to the councils decision not only on their own facebook page but on local change.org based petition has over 550 supporters to stop the club from closing and give it to a community focussed group not a commercial entity.

Below are some of the community's comments :



Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe CAMRA at Bucks CC Sports and Social Club.

Sad news. Buckinghamshire County Council are expected to close the Bucks CC Sports & Social Club. The venue of many Florence Nightingale Beer Festivals that the branch have been involved in.

Andy Bain Build new changing rooms get the football teams playing again up there and watch the people come back to the club . Proud to say this place was like home for me and many others for years . Council are just greedy what about the 100s of kids , adults, all them ppl that put in hard work to make it one of the best and sociable places to go . Feel sorry for all the ppl who will miss out .

Brenda Fell This will be sad if it closes. Let's hope someone can come forward with a good plan. We must save these sports grounds. It was so sad when Hazells sports ground was built on.

Lee Horlock This place offers so much to the community and to local sports and youth development. The hub at Aston Clinton should be seen by all as an example of what can be achieved and why this place must not be lost. Will be a real loss.

Craig Thomas-miller Sad news spent my youth playing for bucks c c and enjoyed many times there.

Nettie Morris Shameful, I remember this club being well used and enjoyed by local families.

Irene Maule this is disgusting. It is a lovely place for families with children

Andy Benfield Growth in bucks biggest joke in history noone has a clue, towns ruined ,too many people too much traffic people queue from waddesdon to get into aylesbury so what happens you open up another road crossing, villages on the verge of being ruined with mega planning applications again too many people hence too much traffic no infrastructure too go with it.Used to be proud of my home county.

Morgan McGhee Hope you are saved. Shame Molins Sports Ground wasnt

Nettie Morris Shameful, I remember this club being well used and enjoyed by local families.

Sheila Cotton So then public have 5 days to respond to this - hardly any time at all. At least we get 21 days for planning applications.

Margaret Palumbo I am disgusted our council are getting rid of anywhere children can play sports. Enough development now, we will be living in a community of bricks and concrete!!

Esther Rajkurmair It a much need place for young children

Christina Taylor I am signing the petition because I want to continue to use the club for the keep fit activities that are held there during the week. Also we do not need to lose this lovely playing field once upon a time it was used for cricket it would be so nice to see it used to its full potential. I wholly support it being run through a local community member consortium for everyone to have access.

John Higgins Because a lot of dedicated people have given up there own time to keep football teams there and keeping people using the club.

Kris Upjohn It's a great place for my children to play. My son attends a playgroup there. We've been to many functions there and it's just a very comfortable place for me and my family to relax

Peter Barnes Because myself family and close friends enjoy going there, I've been a member and also because growing up it was a place to keep out of trouble growing up

Kevin Davies This club is one of the best for youth football in this town

Geraint Rowlands The loss of this recreational facility will be missed by the local community. Open spaces are beneficial to people who enjoy the ability to take their children and pets to roam in areas free from traffic. Where will the air ambulance land their helicopter!!

Alan Ayres important local facility

Robin Symons Stoke Mandeville is being destroyed

Ian Watson Being involved in local football over a number of years, it will be a shame to see a club who has a long tradition in local football lose its roots.

Martin Gibson There are a lot of childrens football games played here as well as training and also it supports a number of events. The site should be given the chance to manage itself and make money.

Shelly Budd Bucks cc is a great place for family and friends to get together please don't take this club away there isn't many places like it anymore.

Jamiil Mohammed The club is local to were i live and my son uses the facility

Julie Davies This club is the only local social and sporting facility. It is used regularly by youngsters for football training & games. Where else can they go?

Derek Emery Great club, nice place for party's

Jim Hudson I echo many of the thoughts captured here in the comments. My 3 children and I have been privileged over the years to meet very many friends through bucks CC. My kids represented the club in various sports where volunteers worked together to ensure these events took place. The community spirit at Bucks CC is a model for how clubs of this nature should be run. Due to the input of the members and volunteers I believe that my children have benefited enormously and this is why they are well rounded young adults today. Don't let this great facility go its very important for future generations.

Patricia Lewis We need more open spaces not less and somewhere for children and adults to play sport

joanne Weimar When everything you hear about over weight kids is that exercise is key to a healthy lifestyle. Why would the Council shut down such a vital asset to getting kids involved in sport. This club has a great reputation for youth football; both girls and boys are encouraged and it should be given every chance to expand. Shame on the council who preace child welfare but actually don't give a damm.

Carlo Sasso I play football for this club !

Stuart Cragg As a family we have a long association with this club and would like to think many more people families can enjoy it is the years to come. Many happy memories.

Jon Winyard The council are destroying grass roots football and not providing the community with reasonable provision

Philip Bell I oppose this site being used for housing and support it as a community facility

Karen Hill Ex-membership secretary. Fantastic club for all members of the community

Ian Green This is a community hub, which once gone will never be the same. I recently went to a wake there and the place has a meaning to a lot of folks. Also as a hub for football, very important as a centre especially as the population of Aylesbury grows football is a great way for people to socialise and integrate.

Mary Payne We can't have this land sold off for yet more unwanted housing. This club and these fields are valuable community resources. With a new housing development right next door and plans for yet another in the field opposite, all these new residents are going to be needing those playing fields and that club house.

Sue Slade It's a great club .

Janine Paszkowski This club has been a massive part of my life for over 18 years. My son also joined Bucks CC a few years ago and loves every minute of it. It's a family orientated club, great atmosphere, and I've helped organise many events in the hall to raise money. To see this club go will not only upset many of the young footballers who have thrived since becoming a part of it but will devastate the community.

Frances Shailer The members of the club should be given a chance to make the club a success. The community needs more sports facilities and amenities. If they want volunteers, then I will give my time. The community need to encourage all ages to get involved with sport and community events. Its not about being 'the best' its about taking part, being included and having fun. Sport is a great release, it is great for the body and mind. It needs to be encouraged. We do not need more houses. The infrastruture will not be improved to meet demands. The increase in houses, traffic jams and all the other problems it brings to the area will not make for a better environment. It will cause stress. You wont provide more schooling, doctors, dentists. Spend some of the money you want to spend on houses to bring the club up to date. Updating the club will bring new members, different activities. The club is in lovely grounds. Give the club a chance, give the community a chance.

Luke Bitmead I'm signing because this club has been running ever since I was a kid I am now 31 . This club is the definition of grass roots

Richard Walker I take my kids there to play !

Lee Horlock Like many many others this club was a huge part of my youth proving a safe environment to play sport and spend time with family and friends. Under the right management this facility can go from strength to strength supporting the local communities and sports development. Too many facilities like these are closing, they play such an important factor in society.

Raymond Winkworth I was a member for years when i worked for AVDC. We cannot afford to lose this major asset for the town.

Elaine Cleaver Supporting local community much needed and much used!

Oliver Giddings I love Bucks C.C I go there very often, at least 1 out of 3 days, I have played football there since I was six which was 7 years ago now. I did not know anyone there, but everyone was so welcoming and they made it feel like I had known everyone for ages and made it comfortable, I would hate to see one of my favourite places go. Please allow me to continue going there and playing football

Vikki Edwards I had my 40th birthday party at that hall. Fantastic venue and fantastic staff

Keith Ashlex This club needs to be saved! Is it too much to see if Aylesbury united fc could have their home games there with a bit of work to make the ground up to standards it could be done that would make it a win win ?

Nathan March The beer festival for Florence nightingale hospice is a big annual event for me and my mates

June tomkins I had many good times at different functions there, please keep it going

Jamie Fenn I run one of the football teams at bucks cc and think if the social club publicized and run properly it could generate money, it's a great space for families to enjoy.

Bob Hook Bucks CC has been like a home to me for the past 20 years. I've met so many good friends here who would be potentially be lost if it were to close. Social communities like this need to be given a chance, especially ones that are run by the council as they should have a vested interest, instead of not caring or taking responsibility.

Michael Cowdrey The Social Club is an important green space and community asset which is relatively unknown to locals as it's never been promoted as a venue for family parties etc. It's thought of as a Social Club for people who work for Bucks County Council

Ellen Pritchard I'm signing because I believe the Bucks CCSSC is a valuable asset to the local community and should not be destroyed in favour of building new houses

Sarah Smith My sons first joined the football team in 2010 (under 7's) and it was welcoming and positive. They have attended weekly training sessions ever since, and have gained an enormous amount from being part of a community football team. They are now flourishing in the under 12 team and would be devastated were the club to close. In a growing town, we need to maintain grass roots football and this club offers just that. Please do not destroy this valuable local resource

Nigel Pritchard I'm signing because I believe the Bucks CCSSC provides an invaluable location and facility for Social and Sports events in the area for the local community. Quite apart from this I am sure the motivation to kill it is driven by commercial greed on the part of housing developers. The last thing we need is yet more houses filling in the gap between Aylesbury and Stoke Mandeville.

Archie White I played for bucks from the age of 5 till 17 and won 4 leagues with them and 5 cups! They also helped me to get recognised and scoured for Oxford Wycombe and Watford. The club is very close to my heart even though I don't play for them no more its always a joy to go back and see old faces, the club is a close family club.

Charlotte Bleasdale Local Open space Sport

Nick Hills I live in the local area and if we lose the facility it'll have an adverse effect on my families life

Dean Field We need places like this in our community, Lower road can't take anymore traffic from building more houses

mark tiller I use this facility on a regular basis, I'm not a member, but fully support it

Chris Waller The club is a very important lifeline for the community and there are very little green spaces to play sports in Aylesbury.

Chris Edworthy This club should continue as the council has got rid of the rest so let's change the trend eh!!!!

david Green I love the club been a manager there, and was looking to run a pool side out of there next season

Sharon O'sullivan It's a great place to meet friends & other families, we have ladies , men's & kids football , kids multi sports , archery, badminton, pigeon club, clubsize , keep fit club & more , if the powers that be think we do nothing at the club I think you have been listening to the wrong people, we have over 300 memberships on hold waiting to sign for the past year & half, but we were told don't worry about membership Please get all your facts right before you do something stupid & close our club

Richard Edwards Clubs like this are vital to grass roots football, and local communities

Louise Barrow The club is a great place for the family, there is nowhere else my children can be in a relaxed and safe environment.

N Miller This club has great tradition in local football some great rivalry and banter has passed between clubs I've managed against them , surely the 1000.s of young people who have used these facilities must come before money I don't live in Aylesbury but appreciate the need for buck cc to remain part of Aylesbury community , do the right thing and don't let the club die.

David butler I'm signing because I believe the area needs this facility and not more housing.

Peter Smith

Through the years this place has held great times and memories for many people. Rather than get rid they should look to refurb and attract more of the community.

patrick boswell

We are running out of social club

Jenny perrin

We need these local places to stay open for the community

Neil Underwood

Save grass roots football

RYAN BARKER

Great club, played there for years. Brought many young kids together

Richard Lipscombe

This is a true Community Asset. I remember when I lived in Hughenden Green just along the road and it was well run. We used to attend events there and just pop in for a drink on a regular basis. The Council have just let it run down and want an excuse to close it down and sell the land for housing as the land just along the road has been sold. I would like to see option 3 taken up.

Sam Brown

Because we NEED IT !!

Kevin Mackinnon

I think it should be left , where else is there in Aylesbury to enjoy a evening where the kids can run around and still be safe , great out door fields with patio areas , would be mad to close it , KEEP THE CC GOING

Rebecca Ruby

I have been going here since I was little and have played for the football club all my life

Zoe Tiller

Me and my family have spent many great evenings at this club, joining friends there to take part in many of the fantastic nights that have been run, from Ska night to Soul night. Not forgetting the birthday parties held there too. It is a fab facility and would be a great loss to the area. Frankly, if the council did not believe 10 years ago that this club would not last another decade back then...then the council have been woefully mis informed! Shame on them!

Andy Ward

Of course Bucks CC just want to get their hands on the £££ from selling the land for development. The club has huge potential if left to the committee to run it. It seems to me that Bucks CC have followed what the big Pub chains do when they want to realise the value of some real estate and shut a pub. Slowly make the business unviable to the point at which closure is the obvious choice. The facilities are an important part of the infrastructure of Aylesbury and with a little investment could become a major asset. Interesting that "Risk that issues of malpractice may be damaging to County Council reputation" is stated as a 'con' for option 3 - surely its also a valid 'con' for option 1 and indeed any venture run by Bucks CC? In the interests of openness has there been malpractice to date and if so by whom? Seems a strange thing to bring up.

Alison Thorne

Part of my life we meet all kinds of people feel safe option 3 with a proper manager to oversee the running of all club business support from a general committee

carol lury

We need to keep community places open. No wonder people dont get on anymore

Tina Scales

My family have been going to this club for a good few years (13 years) it's been great getting everyone together we have met loads of friends through the club and its events. It's a place where I feel safe to have let my children along with other children to run around and enjoy the out doors. It would be a shame for it to be closed down and something built in its place. Think about the community not just cement and mortar if we keep building on our club fields where do you expect families to get together in the out doors??? It's a no brainier KEEP BUCKS CC SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.

Raj Khan

I want this to stay open

Alison Thorne

I have lived in Aylesbury my whole life and Bucks CC previously NALGO always a great support for the community and children via Football Teams for all ages. It is a great environment for the family in general. I am at a loss that a community friendly club should be at risk like this. I choose option 3.

Lesley Verney

Bucks CC has been an lifeline for the benefit of my two sons. They first became involved with the multi-sports team that encouraged them to develop. The staff have slap been so supportive in giving them confidence to help with social skills. Bucks CC has been such a safe haven and a unique club in the Bucks Area.

Rich Hawkins

Poorly run by the council who are looking to line their pockets again! Looks like it will be one less place to take my children!

Jo Cave

Community social club providing excellent pitch & facilities for numerous teams of junior football.

Emma Carroll

This club is a huge community asset and supporter of local charities.

Kathy beavil

This club is the hub for a great football team who have over the years help to put Aylesbury on the map. They are a winning club. Why take the club away? This act by the council is beyond comprehension. Is the council going to find another pitch for the young boys and girls to play their loved sports! Please leave the BCC Sports and Social club where it is. Thank you

Gary Fleming

Great little club that has helped so many kids fulfil there potential and progress!

Gary Brown

It's the only football sports and social club left in the town. With adequate space.

Alex Saunders

Bucks CC was a big part of making me enjoy my football from age 6 onwards.

Chris Richards

My son donavon has been playing for 7 years for bucks also my brother Shane played for bucks and I also played for bucks so please save my club

David Fulton

I believe that all sports and social facilities are important for both personal fitness and social cohesion

Trevor Saunders

I am signing because we as a league believes these facilities to be an undeniable benefit to the community. They are a charter standard football club and their club management team are viewed as most highly respected persons who seek only to help the community

Martin Elmey

I have enjoyed the use of this facility over the last couple of years as a member of Thirteen Arrows archery club. We are a small club with limited resources and the ability to shoot in doors in the winter at BCC has been invaluable. We have recently merged with another archery club and would be a bigger team, now unable to shoot in the winter if option 2 is confirmed (which I know it will be and this is futile given the commercial incentives for more housing and ultimately, financial gain to AVDC)

Nick Seaton

With the Extensive development of Aylesbury we need to build more community organisation's not close them

Paul Giddings

This Sports & Social Club is a massive part of the community. Whilst I appreciate that the finances are a concern for the council, option 3 looks by far the best option. Whilst it may take some work, I am sure that local members of the community could take on the lease & run the club. Save our Club!

Alan Grant

I'm signing because of my connection with BCC sports and social both my sons have played football there and I myself help coach my youngest sons team . This space is important to our community helps children through sport to be respectful and social to all , also importantly helps with the issue of keeping our children healthy which helps towards a good mental wellbeing

Anne Gibson

Sport is an important part of every child's development, we need these facilities to continue to be part of that development. What is required is the correct management to improve and invest in the club, people that actually care.

Alvin Verney

With two children with learning difficulties the club has helped them build confidence learn social skills and become fine young men also as a family we can relax in a safe and caring enviroment we have not experienced this anywhere so if it closed it would be devestating for us and the many friends we call family

SIMON WHITLOCK

THE HUB OF A CLOSE KNIT COMMUNITY NEEDS SAVING. THEN INVESTING IN

Paul Giddings

My lad has been involved with this Club for his football for the last 8 years. To take the venue away from these boys would be unfair to them. I likewise have enjoyed many a night in the Social Club. I wholeheartedly support this petition. Paul Giddings.

Hayley Ward

This sports club has been running since I moved to the area 25 years ago. It benefits so many families and their children. So many local people praise this sports club and it would be a real shame to take this away from people who it means so much to

P Barker

As a newcomer to Aylesbury this fantastic club 13 years ago this club gave my family a wealth of opportunity, football for my son from 8 to 16,, the place he and I passed our motorbike CBTs, a birthday party location for our young daughter that we could afford, fitness and community integration for my wife and new year celebrations for us all. In time I met and made life long friends forming part of the clubs football management team for eight delightful years. Building on the clubs leaders outstanding ethics and community spirit that they encouraged. Bucks CC football club was/is still held in high esteem by all those whom are part of it and visiting football clubs. Producing outstanding players from true grassroots that have gone on to play for some of the biggest clubs in the country. It has brought together all of the community using the facilities made available. We have housing sites being erected in every direction in and around Aylesbury, do not destroy this iconic piece of our history and lives, communities need green spaces to come together, let someone else , preferably those whom have asked for proper control for over ten years to run this club, let the changing rooms be replaced with the money that was offered in grants, let the community live on.

Sandra Faux

Both my children went to the Saturday football club where they were given the chance to play despite not having much talent. They enjoyed taking part and being part of a team. The club was run by other dads who gave up their precious Saturday mornings to help local kids for free. this club... [Read more](#)

Adam Mellis

I played football there as a kid. It still holds the same values and is good for the community.

Richard Creek

This is a place I met some incredible people and even worked here for 5 years and helped out with the football teams it's such a shame to see this place close but I wouldn't expect anything else from you greedy bastards

Dave Smith

This club is a huge part of the community. I went with my dad when I was young and now I've been able to take my daughter there too. Nice family environment and great parking/field area. It's been poorly managed by Bucks County Council and it needs a little bit of money spent to make it flourish. The regulars and members want to make this work and option 3 of the report for them to be able to run the club and its activities is best in my opinion.

Barbara Whitney

It should be saved because it's used by so many families.

TRACY Farrow-stevenson

This is a family-friendly social club that as a family we have used for events, parties & fitness clubs and it would be a such a shame if our young boys didn't get to play football here so locally to us. Our children need places like this, not more houses!

Rebecca Richards

We have a huge amount of houses going up in this local area and we need to keep this community space as a focal point for this growing community.

Richard Hutcherson

The club is a useful resource for the Aylesbury community and should be preserved. In a time of raising obesity ALL sports facilities should be kept.

Admir Pala

They got great football club!

Gala Hutton

..thats not right, Great club, i've followed for 15 years

Simon Worrall

To close the "Nalگو" would be a travesty especially since opening up the membership is obviously the way to go . Also one can't help but think some greedy little scumbag has its piggy little eyes on developing the site

Leeroy Durrant

The club is a big part of the local area

Luke Mellis

It's a great football club with a lot of history within the local community

Paul West

I've been going there for 18 years, it was a cornerstone of the community and I believe it could be again.

Dean Murray

Had many successful years at bucks winning a huge amount of trophies. Great for families. My son currently plays for the under 12's in a great little team

E James

The club just needs some cash to bring it up to a standard that will encourage more users! The air ambulance all So land's there, an invaluable resource for the hospital and everyone. Young people need this place for the football. With all the NEW houses going up next door the NEW family's will surely use this space too. As a family we have used the club and hall when our children were younger. We need this green space ! And family-friendly club!

Darren Smith

Communities need places like the sports and social club as a hub for many varied activities that take place in and around the club currently. From football teams to pigeon clubs and religious groups all have had the benefit of the facilities in the past few months let alone the people that use the bar for a social meeting place.

Stephen Nicholls

This has been a place I have been to for many years and enjoy going there as everybody is friendly

Anno Day

It has been a great sports club for many young people and it would be shame for Aylesbury to lose such a valuable venue!

Christine Middleton

Use the club

Darryl Lawson

I believe the history of this sports and social club has proved that it was and still can be an important and thriving family community venue. It is only due to a disgusting lack of council funding for maintenance, that facilities have deteriorated so far that sporting activities are no longer able to function at Bucks CC. I am sure eventually the council will find a way to close the site and sell for housing. 10 years ago Bucks CC had a government grant to improve the changing room facilities, but did not approve of the plans.. this proves to me they have little or no interest in any ongoing plans to keep the club running. the more the club deteriorates, the more unviable the improvements and the scales tip in the councils favour.

but I have signed the petition because I believe we need to save family community sports and social facilities in Aylesbury. more houses, less facilities seem to be AVDC motto

PATRICIA Edwards

It has helped me lose weight & get fit. They are very supportive and we have all become like one be family.

Ryan Whitney

This place means a lot to me and has done for many others over the years, it provides great spirit through out the local community & beyond.

It was part of my child hood in which I hold lots of fond memories, it also provides a stable network for children alike to build sporting relationships whilst also keeping them safe & off the dangerous streets.

Buck CC Sports & Social Club is a pillar of the Aylesbury & Surrounding areas, it must live on & continue to provide for children and Adults what it has done for me over the years.

Simon Fearn

Would like to be a member

Marea Logan

This Club is the only thing holding the community together.

I held my wedding reception there along with attending many beer festivals, games and live music nights. I have also watched many sporting events along with my family.

This is a Sports Club that welcomes family and I do not worry about drunkenness, swearing and the safety of my family as it a save environment for them to enjoy.

Jeannette Baxter

Other options should be properly considered and not just based on a rather one-sided report from an authority that quite clearly wants to sell the land. Consider people first, not profits.

Michael Fuggle

I use the flub facilities and its closure would have an impact on me.

nathan poole

This is a valuable sports and social facility and should be retained as such.

Will Gibson

I have been with the club since 4 years of age

Mike Ward

This is a real community facility providing a venue for family celebrations such as weddings and Christenings. In addition it is a hub for both participation in a wide range of sports and social gatherings in warm and friendly environment. If the shackles imposed were removed this could stimulate business growth based on the core facets of leisure and community interaction. There are rumoured losses of other sports facilities locally and we have to maintain the opportunity for sports participation and social interaction in an area marked for large housing development and population growth

Scott Kennedy

This has been an outlet for hundreds of children parents and families every year to play sport in a supportive and friendly environment.

Stephen Gordon

The football pitches will go and never been seen again! The social club will never be replaced, great therapy for a lot spinal unit members! And mostly I'm tired of the ill planned development around Aylesbury. This will undoubtedly be sold onto developers to knock out another soulless estate with terrible parking, terrible social values, terrible additional traffic.

Thomas Carr

This is absolutely necessary.

Clare Burnage

I'm signing to save social club as fun kind great respected staff and members

Samantha Brown

We have connections. Me and my brother both played football for them my dad referees football for them, & we also use their facilities too

Zoe Gwilliam

Great place, friendly, perfect for hiring the hall as it's the only place in Aylesbury that has a field too!

Marie Gaffney

Because we need somewhere to take our families, to be a community!!!

Doug Arnaud

Because it's a asset to the town and to many other things in this town have been lost in this town in the name of profit we need more places like this not less as the town grows

Bobby Dillon

The value of this as a community hub is second to none. Even though the County has pretty much turned a blind eye to the the management of the club and allowed some of the facilities to fall into a poor state of repair the place has continued to thrive. I don't believe that these are the only options available for the future of the club, has a true, robust business case really been drawn up and alternative ways of managing the club really considered? Should getting rid of a valuable community asset/green space be the best option? Green space is being lost up and down the country to development and once it's gone it's gone forever, yes new areas can be built but a part of history goes with the loss of existing facilities. What does Bucks CC social club bring?

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Surely all of the above is worth a whole lot more than approximately £64k? Surely the above is something that the County would want to be seen to promote?

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christine short

I think this is a valuable asset to the community of Aylesbury it is an amazing place for young people to start there football and gives a young and old a sense of belonging

Shirley Newman

I am a retired BCC worker and i use the club for our pigeon club we have nowhere else to go

Steven Grantham

this is a brilliant place to be and have a laugh at so let's get together and save bucks cc social club :) peace out !!

David Breen

Keep the kids fit and healthy and this great club going forward

Alison Thorp

I held my wedding reception here twenty six years ago

Daniel Blackburn

The people need a place to escape and enjoy socialising you fuck heads always do this to people!!

Carl Perrottet

This club is an important part of the community. I played many matches and tournaments as a youth. The social club building has hosted many family birthday parties.

Nita Mistry

We need this Centre for the community and for future generations.

Chris Dann

The club is an essential part of leisure and social life in Aylesbury. Providing important activities and opportunities for all ages especially children to enjoy interaction with others and most importantly outdoor activities which support fitness and a healthy lifestyle

Sarah Palmer

My son plays for Bucks Cc and has done for 5 years. It's all part of the team.

Stuart Rivett

A friendly club for all the community especially the young. Save BCCS&S

Bartosz Sikora

It's my boyhood club and I dont want to see it closed

Mark Cooper

This needs to stay open because of the community and the sports history.

Marcella Harrison

For the love of football kids and adults,

Roger Lipscomb

It a lovely friendly club don't let it die

Jay Charlton

This club is in my heart I've played football for this club I've grown up in the social club it's clubs like this that make England what it is

It shouldn't be closing far from it they should be refurbishing it and getting it back on the map most people don't even know about the club and a string of poor managers haven't exactly helped it stealing along the way bucks cc has to remain open support don't abort

Darren Woolard

As a local football player I feel that Bucks County Council are destroying local grass roots football with high pitch prices and sales for land development football is a massive part of the British culture and many young talented players need somewhere to play

Paul Franceschini

It's a fantastic club for everyone. Kids and adults.

Rob Kerr

I do not want this to happen,

Blayne Cahill

The services provided by the club to the local community are invaluable. My first memory of kicking a ball was there, and 26 years later my godchildren continue to use the facilities regularly. The club is a huge asset, and it's legacy should be protected.

Richard Kyson

Local, friendly, family orientated sports club shouldn't be destroyed for houses!

Marc Thoday

It's used frequently for great use for various types of uses by local people especially sport

Andrew Butler

Principle

Scott Bannister

Lots of great memories in that club and other people should be able to have new memories .

Aidan Chisholme

I started at this club at nine years old and has such a good name to itself. On football terms young and old generation after generation have been here and hopefully the club will be saved. #Then #Now #Forever

Andy Bain

I'm proud to say this place has been my 2nd home for last 30 years . I'm heart broken and feel betrayed to hear the council are selling up . What about the

hundreds of kids that will miss out growing up around this place like I did and many others . I played football since 1990 up there . Since the decision to close the pavilion because numbers have declined but it could all return and bring joyment to many others if the council could see past building houses this was once the best club in Aylesbury and due to neglect by the council .ppl will miss out on a great place to grow up. one of the last great places around Aylesbury don't destroy this place . You need ppl to help fix this I can get them .much love for that place

Lee Benton

I'm signing because I love the club, it's history and it needs to stay open!!!!!!

john mclernon

It would mean the loss of another outstanding sports facility for children and sportspeople. BCC youth teams have and still are an integral part of Aylesbury. No more ghost estates for faceless commuters.

Rachel Charles

I have used in the past and also attend some gym classes there

Les Anderson

This is a community asset which must not be sacrificed for the sake of money. At least give the community the chance to produce an alternative operating plan that will secure the future of the club. All avenues must be thoroughly explored.

Marc Kelly

I've been at bucks playing footie and make life long friends for over 23 years. I've been still commuting to play even though I now live in Milton Keynes. Bucks cc is my second home and the sole reason I play football. Taking this away and shutting it down would be a huge huge mistake. The potential available on the ground and within the community is so exciting all it takes is for one person to make a commitment to help the club ground and move it forward and I know hundreds of others in the community will aswell. We all locally need to save the club. It's been there for over 100 years. It has so much to offer!

Gianluva Catena

Don't go to the club but lots of my mates do and to be fair I am fed up of the council shutting down everything in Aylesbury just to build houses or to build useless shops.

Dave Hackett

I play football for the club and have done for many years and also it's a place where me my wife and daughters can go for afternoons and evenings whenever as a family because it's a family orientated club. !

Andrew Eeles

Grew up Playing football there and spent a lot of time there with friends, so i know how important it is for the community!

Sam Elliot

This is a vital hub in the community being run by the wrong people! And with such potential! Save our bucks!!!

Daniel Gaffney

Bucks CC Sports and social club is still massive in the community. The information that was passed in the report in the week wasn't a fair representation of the premises. Absolutely hundreds of people still use the facilities and if the site was given what it needed to survive or community run then it would pretty much pay for itself. It will be a massive shame if the club was to close. Pretty much all footballers / sports people from Aylesbury Vale have a connection to Bucks. To shut it down will be a massive loss to grass roots football within Aylesbury! The club hasn't been able to fulfil its full potential due to a number of reasons, given the correct time and care the place will be thriving with sports talent again and most of all it can and will be a massive community asset!

Chris Ashton

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to see this club thrive even more than it currently does. Taking the easy way out of selling the land off is not the correct option - and the County should see this, and I believe, know this.

Amy Jefferies

I'm signing because this is a big part of my childhood with all the sports and events that were held here

Paul Hollihead

I play for Bucks cc

paul beazley

Loved bucks cc and spent the best part of my childhood there, would be a shame to see it all go

joe si

It's a great place

Ben Farrow

This is our community the council have made it as hard as possible for us to run football teams. This affects so many more people than they realise !!

Sarah Mackinnon

We as a family enjoy going to bucks cc in the summer, it's a safe place for our children play whilst we see friends, great venue for parties and socialising, don't want to see it go

Ricci James

Bucks cc offers a place of recreation and sports and social for so many in our community.

Sarah Vaughan

This club is valuable to the community and needs to be saved!!!

Marc Harrison

I have been using the club since I was small with my parents now I use the club on a regular basis for sports and social activities , I believe The club should remain open for every to continue enjoying .

Michelle Wicking

I'm signing because it's something I feel very strongly about, Bucks cc sports and social club is like another family and would be sad to see the place to shut down.

Mohammed Adam

I am part of the club house

Max Llanwarne

Sign It

Kieron Long

I'm signing this position because as long as I can remember, great teams have emerged from this club and some have even made it there career because of the club's help and backing. I think this place is a cherished memory for a lot of players and would be sending a horrible message to young ones if it was to be knocked down. Plus we don't need any more houses, flats, shops etc, the hospital struggles enough with the parking issues. So just please leave our club alone and let us get back to winning trophies and making friends. Kind regards Kieron

Brenda Fell

I am signing because we are losing too many sports grounds and clubs and it is important that we fight to keep this for the community of Bucks. It is a huge part of so many people's lives.

Rob Winkworth

I use the club regularly for sporting activities and for social activities. Would be a real shame to lose it. Hopefully an agreement can be reached so the club remains open for everybody to enjoy.

Gloria Turnham

Member of pigeon club and have used Bccss club for over 13 years. Separate letter being submitted

Leanne Thomas

We regularly use Bucks Cc Sports and Social Club as a family. We have hired the hall for parties, we attend the mother and toddler group on a Tuesday there, we also use the bar. We have been members since 2012/2013 and thoroughly enjoy having such a family orientated place to attend locally.

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Part of aylesbury history

Connor Freiberg

My dads favourite place

Jack Nancarrow

I want Bucks CC sports and social club to stay open under fresh new management.

Amanda croft

What a shame to see a great place go, my son played football for bucks cc for many years and loved it, spent many times in the club, it just shouldn't go.

Carl Clay

I'm signing this form because it's a family friendly place to be have party's and have somewhere to have decent beer after football.

Too many memories to throw it all away.

Need the pitch out the front to attract more people especially when having beer outside as how many people know about the pitch out the back and would save money on council pitches because in my eyes unless have your own pitch the council are trying to ruin football by charging silly amounts of money for a football match.

Vicky Benton

I am signing because my family members have played for the club for many years. It's a lovely family place it will be a loss to the community

Alan Gibson

This is a fantastic local facility that plays a vital part in local youth football.

Kay Jones

All ways use it for birthday etc

Jemma Nicol

We use this club every week after the men's football, bringing our children with us. The club is such a family oriented place and I believe under the right management, this place could be amazing

danny tayler

I'm signing this as I have been part of the club for many years and it would be sad to see it go as so would many families who attend club.

THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY SPEAKING,CLOSING BCC WILL AFFECT ALL THESE PEOPLE AND MANY MANY MORE .

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 14:19
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

Dear sirs,

I was shocked to see that the council is considering closing Bucks CC Sports and Social Club.

Whilst I have only been to the club once, I am aware that is one of only a handful of green spaces remaining in Aylesbury. It is simply unacceptable to remove such a valuable space, especially at a time that existing facilities are under increasing pressure from the ever-growing population of Aylesbury Vale.

I hope the council will quickly see the foolishness of any plans to close the club and believe it deserves a the opportunity to continue on the basis of the business plan proposed by the members which shows there is a strong argument for the club to continue on a viable and commercially driven footing.

As such I strongly support Option 3 of the consultation and hope the council will agree with me.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 15:25
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks Sports and Social Club Closure

Dear Councillor Chilver,

I am a current member of the club and have been associated with it in one form or another for the past 30 years. The club is open to the community as well as local government employees and has a wide membership. My understanding is that the membership scheme was suspended for some reason therefore the membership numbers mentioned in this paper have been skewed to give the appearance its not well patronised by the local community. This is incorrect.

The site has been unable to offer change facilities to the FA Chartered football club therefore the teams have to play elsewhere and this drastically effects the income to the facility. I have been involved with bids to the FA for new change facilities but without a lease the club is unable to obtain funding from the sports governing bodies.

The facility is a site of community interest and I'm disappointed that this hasn't been fully recognised by the author of the paper and further options explored rather than simply recommending closure.

The preferred option for its members is Option 3 - Consider the creation of an alternative delivery vehicle, for example transfer the Club to a Community Interest organisation to run.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:22
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

Dear Mr Chilver,

I am writing in response to the report published regarding the recommended closure of Bucks CC Sports & Social Club by 31st October 2017. As a member of the bar staff and a member of the outstanding community we have down there I urge you to seriously consider the other options, particularly option 3. As you are fully aware of the situation and as part of that new delivery vehicle to take the social club on, we were offered a landlord/tenants lease not so long ago. We had to form as another entity and terms would be agreed. We drafted business plans, held meetings, organised ourselves to the best of our skill sets and pushed forward for this. Unfortunately we were led by someone who did not have the club's best interest at heart and told us he had submitted our plans etc. Moving away from what has happened in the past we want you to know that we are here, we all are emotionally attached to the social club and those activities surrounding it that we will do our utmost best to make it a success. With so many people from different backgrounds joining us we can give it the care and attention it needs if our plan is backed. Rob Beel is the leader (for want of a better word) and he has submitted a plan we have worked very hard on together for serious consideration.

I would also like to take the time to ask you to question the report submitted by Lloyd Jeffries and scrutinise those figures. Not all add up and are very different from what we know and have known in the past. You say it is now running at a loss, how is it that we have always in the past made a profit, albeit small and it was reinvested into the place, but still a profit. Seems some of the facts and figures have been distorted and the management and leadership that has been given to the social club in the past two years has been dubious and almost as if it has been allowed to have been run into the ground.

With some TLC and people that care this place could be great again. It pleases me to see people using the club, in particular a lot of the patients at the spinal unit at Stoke Mandeville have been coming over during the week and at weekends to use our clubhouse and they are so appreciative we have welcomed them and they have a place to meet family and friends away from the hospital as you can appreciate it is not a great time for them. As one of the remaining green spaces around Aylesbury and with more and more houses coming, you can see that it needs saving. Let us save it.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:42
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports & Social Club - petition results

Dear Mr Chilver

Please find attached a report of the findings of our petition we launched with org.uk last week. Here are some of the comments posted by those affected by this decision.

You can find the petition and these comments at:

https://www.change.org/p/john-chilver-save-our-club-bucks-cc-sports-social-club/w?source_location=petition_nav

At this moment in time we have 606 signatures.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:47
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks CC Sports & Social Club

Dear Sir/Madam

I was shocked to see a report seeking to close down the Bucks CC Sports & Social club. I have attended a number of social events here such as the annual beer festivals, quiz nights and some nights for live music. I have always found the club to be a well-run and friendly place and it would be a great shame to see it closed down.

I would like the council to go with option 3 as I feel the club would benefit from managing itself with no outside interference.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:48
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Rejection to closure of Bucks CC Sports & Social Club - Voting option 3

Dear Member Services Team,

In response to the report that was published, declaring the suggestion to close Bucks CC Sports & Social Club I would like to ask that you re-consider this decision.

I believe the report regarding the club is unfair and quite unjust! Arguably the club hasn't achieved its full potential in the last few years in terms of membership numbers and profit but why exactly is this? I personally would like to vote for option 3 and I strongly believe that given the chance an alternative delivery vehicle to run the site would prioritise the needs of the community above all and restore Bucks CC to its full potential!

The value of this as a community hub is second to none. Although the County has pretty much turned a blind eye to the management of the club and allowed some of the facilities to fall into a poor state of repair the place has continued to thrive. I don't believe that these are the only options available for the future of the club. Has a true robust business case really been drawn up and alternative ways of managing the club really considered? Should getting rid of a valuable community asset/green space be the best option? Green space is being lost and once it's gone it's gone forever. Yes, new areas can be built but a part of history goes with the loss of existing facilities. What does Bucks CC social club bring?

- 1 - Helping to integrate communities
- 2 - Tackling climate change
- 3 - Preventing flooding
- 4 - Reducing air pollution exposure
- 5 - Boosting health
- 6 - Providing leisure amenities

Surely all of the above is worth a whole lot more than approximately £64k? Surely the above is something that the County would want to be seen to promote?

Bucks CC has one of the best football set ups in the district with youths of all ages playing football, thousands is spent trying to promote healthy, active lifestyles by authorities in Buckinghamshire and here you have a club working hard to keep youths and adults active through volunteers hard work week in week out ticking all the boxes for 'Active Bucks' (A project funded by Bucks County Council). I would be interested to know how much is spent on promoting activities in Bucks? Is the Club ever considered within this promotion? I don't believe it is. It's been deliberately swept under the carpet over the years until facilities become so run down that the only decision is to sell it off? We all know that without maintenance comes worn facilities. Local government is changing, the culture is changing, but in this new era of being 'commercial' there are alternative delivery models that could be developed to see this club thrive even more than it currently does. Taking the easy way out of selling the land off is not the correct option - and the County should see this, and I believe, know this.

Aylesbury is growing, more houses and flats are being built, The roads are only getting busier. I would like to be given the opportunity to strongly argue my case about how a 'Sports And Social Club' would benefit this growing community? Bucks CC Sports & Social Club can offer:

- Running clubs
- Tennis clubs

- Badminton clubs
- Football teams
- Fitness clubs
- Active Aylesbury (Why has Bucks CC Sports & Social Club never been given the chance to host this?)
- Council meetings & Functions (Why do you guys never make use of the premises?)

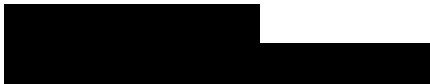
And much more!

I would also like to stress to you and make you aware that the spinal unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital make a great use of this facility.. They have spent pretty much every sunny day hosting BBQ's for all of their patients outside the front of the club!

This is a great community asset and will keep teenagers off the street, people of all ages with have a place to go and socialise. The bigger Aylesbury gets and the more residents it holds increases the demand for a facility like Bucks CC Sports & Social Club. The club is already there and up and running, A little maintenance this year will save the council and the tax payer the burden of having to produce such a facility in years to come!

Yours Sincerely,

 (Member of the public)



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:56
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Bucks Social Club

I must start by saying that, I understand bucks social club does not bring in a high income and with this new way of working and the importance of us becoming more business minded, I appreciate that there is a need to consider an alternative for the social club to be managed and it's future.

I am also aware that the social club isn't used to its full potential! The amount of green space that surrounds the club and the space inside the club (aside from the odd wedding and fitness class) could be used during the day for other audiences other than those just wanting exercise. The hub in Aston Clinton is a prime example of how a social club can be turned around. Once, somewhere that nobody would consider going to, is now flocked with parents and children on a daily basis. This was achieved by opening a cafe and simply placing a bouncy castle and soft play inside. I appreciate that staff are also required to help with the running of this club but I am convinced that this is something that bucks social club could facilitate. As a young mum I am always on the lookout for clubs and places to take my 10 month baby and 4 year old. I question why there are no clubs or classes held for this audience at the club? Something that could quite simply be run by parents of Stoke Mandeville? There is a church group that meets on a Monday in Stoke Mandeville which brings in regular mum's and dads each week and all the toys and books are donated. Surely this could be such a success if given a chance? On bucks family information website (owned by bucks) this could and should be advertised and promoted?

There is a petition going around asking for Aylesbury to open a splash park? Could this not be an option for the social club?

My family and I live very close to the club and I personally use it at least twice a week for running. My husband is also the manager of the senior football team and we had hoped that our sons (when old enough) would play for the youth football team. We have taught our 4 year old how to ride a bike on the back pitch and held several birthday parties in the hall. My 4 year old also loves going down the club to socialise with other children and it has brought he wives of the football team together too.

The club provides not only a healthy lifestyle for many but also helps with psychological matters. Active bucks encourages people to be fit and be healthy but closing the club goes against everything that this is promoting.

With houses being built left right and centre across Aylesbury vale surely it would be a shame to lose somewhere like bucks social club that has such potential? Even the sports hall for social events could and should be utilised better. There are a few wedding held here and there but with the right management and no 'red tape' regular events could be held. There would be a need for better marketing, communication and also more information via social media but there is no reason why New Year's Eve parties, summer fetes, fun days and other evening parties could not be held here.

Also, council events. Why could they not be held in the sports hall? Meetings are held at green park and other external buildings yet not one has been held here in recent times? I have also never been offered the opportunity of becoming a member of this club having worked for the council for over 6 years....?

I believe that this club should be transferred to the community, whether that be the current committee members, parish council or an alternative. There is such potential for the club to be more than it currently is- which is quite frankly near to derelict.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2017 16:58
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: BucksCC Sport & Social Club

Dear Cabinet Members,

This email is my representation in relation to the cabinet member decision report and I wish this to be taken into consideration during the decision making process.

I strongly feel that Option 3 is a good compromise to release land for development purposes in a way which would benefit the local community whilst retaining an important community asset for all to continue to enjoy. This option would partially satisfy the obvious desire to release a majority of the value of the land as stated under Option 2 of the report.

Additionally I note that the figures mentioned in the report do not give a true representation of the financial situation within the club. The report states that 'As of June 2017 there are 56 members' – the responsibility of membership renewal was with the Property Services Team of BucksCC and unfortunately they were unable to carry this out. When membership has been renewed I believe the membership totalled in the upper hundreds (Approx 800) this obviously means that the total costings calculated in this report cannot be trusted as reliable as the revenue the club generates has not been calculated correctly.

I have requested from the Property Services Team a breakdown of how the costs of Options 1 and 4 have been calculated however unfortunately they were unable to provide this before the deadline as detailed on the bottom of the report. Additionally I would also like to what steps have been taken to find out the renovation costs of the club as Option 1 states 'The buildings would require a considerable amount of investment to bring them up to required standards.'

The building has been listed with Aylesbury Vale District Council as of significant community value and as such the local community should have reasonable chance to establish an entity through which to lease the club from BucksCC. I feel option 3 carries less difficulty as it assists the desire of the local community to ensure the club stays open. I feel it is both in the interest of the County Council, District Council and local stakeholders to take this option. Furthermore the Council would be released of the significant financial burden of the operational costs of the club as this would fall on lease holders. This also means that the lease holders can apply for funding from the FA and other organisations for funding to make improvements to the social club such as new changing room facilities. This would lead to new revenue from football teams to rent and use the sports ground facilities – I believe they are currently using other facilities due to lack of changing rooms at the club.

On a different note, if option 2 or 4 is to be taken then I disagree that the redundancy costs would tally to 3 staff at £3,580.80 in total. I have been advised by the property team that all staff working under regular payment through BucksCCs payroll are to be considered as staff of BucksCC and as such I believe they all need to be paid redundancy pay under the same policy.

Thank you in advance for taking this email in consideration and I hope that you agree that Option 3 provides that best solution to everyone involved.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 July 2017 11:32
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: WMPT and Bucks CC Sports and Social Club

I currently attend several fitness classes a week run by WMPT at Bucks CC Sports and Social Club and I am very concerned to hear that the Council is considering closing the premises. WMPT provide affordable classes for a community of local people who cannot necessarily afford a gym and the classes are open to all making them accessible to many people who might not feel as comfortable in a 'regular' gym environment. I was hoping that WMPT would have been able over time to extend the number of classes and days of the week they could offer and so am very disappointed that this might not be the case. As far as I can tell there are a range of other users of the facilities who would be similarly affected by a closure.

Your sincerely
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 03 August 2017 10:30
To: Democracy Mailbox
Subject: Buck CC sport centre

Hi,

I just wanted to contact you to express my deep sorrow at the news that you may be closing. I have used the sport centre for children's parties and attended other event there over the years but most importantly I have been using the centre so much more recently attending exercise classes with a company call WMPT.

WMPT have be crucial to helping me improve my health and happiness through exercise and have provided a place for all to be welcome. Their community spirit is second to none and I would be extremely sad to see them lose their base at buck CC where they can reach so many more people.

Please reconsider your action and keep this facility open and give them the opportunity to help more people like me.

Best Regards

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