Appendix Two -

Case Study - The Pyramid Community Centre, Bretton

The Pyramid Community Centre is located in Watergall, Bretton.

It has been leased to The Pyramid Community Association (later changing its name to the North Bretton Community Association) since 10th December 1979. The Association have been running the centre very successfully up until a few years ago, where they found it difficult to attract volunteers on to their board of trustees, resulting in the centre only being open on a limited basis and residents struggling to make contact to book the premises for community activities.

Following discussions with the Association and The Parish Council, it was agreed that the Parish Council would commence occupation under a Tenancy At Will, giving the Parish an opportunity of the trial management of the centre prior to taking on the freehold transfer of the building. The Tenancy at Will commenced in January 2017.

It was important to ensure all existing volunteers were given an opportunity to remain involved and the Parish Council offered to work with them, inviting them to sit on the newly established community management group.

Since the Parish Council have been in occupation the centre usage has improved by over 100%, with the average weekly occupancy levels being between 50 - 60%, including activities such as:

- Keep fit classes
- Over 60's luncheon club
- Judo
- Line Dancing
- Youth Club
- Employment club
- Phab activities
- Children's parties

The Parish Council have successfully increased the services running from the centre without any advertising, and are confident this will only improve over the coming years.

Income streams have also improved with takings of £11,500 over the last six months.

The Parish Council can see the viability of the centre and are encouraged by the positive feedback from the community. A freehold transfer is being negotiated at present, resulting in the retention of a community asset for the community and improved services.

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