

Play Centre Review Summary Report and Actions

Context

Full Council approved proposal to cease the budget for the play centre provision from 1st April. Children's Services agreed to cover running costs of centres for further 6 months to avoid boarding up of valuable local facilities.

Current play service (differs between each centre) will continue throughout April but all staff posts have been deleted and current play staff expect to be given notice period as soon as new structures are announced.

Working in partnership with CAN-do Communities

Independent charitable organisation working with PCC and able to provide Health Checks for local groups and/or Asset transfer Workshops in preparation for asset management.

Can Do Consulting

Our Consultancy service offers an affordable, flexible and proactive way to build capacity and strengthen sustainability in the Charitable Sector, specialising in the following areas:

Community Health Checks	Asset Transfer	Business Planning	Funding Advice
Capacity Building	Charitable Entity Options	Charity & Company Law	Community Buildings
Community Engagement	Community Participation	Employment Issues	Financial Management
Bid Writing	Governance Documents	Trustee Training	Lease Negotiation
Knowledge Exchange Visits	Marketing	Lease Negotiation	Charity Set Up
Template Policy Development	Skills Audits	Staff & Volunteers	Strategy Development
Income Generation	Relationship Reviews	Project Management	Mapping The Future

Support offered to group, at no financial risk to them to apply for funding:

Pre-feasibility £5-10K (capita/condition surveys)

Full feasibility £10-100k (non capital project costs)

Options available for groups

2 tier model:

1. Community led group taking full management responsibility for management of facility, involving full repair and maintenance lease
2. Umbrella Citywide Trust to act as holding asset manager, working closely with community management committee, but bearing the risk and strategy responsibility to shield group whilst they become established self sufficient

Summary of meetings throughout March/April

Charteris Centre

In attendance: Adrian Chapman, Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Marvin Symes, Graham, Cllrs Ash & Saltmarsh

Acknowledged will and possibility to mobilise a community led management committee representative of the wider community

Proposed stakeholders to engage with an invite to Health Check Review

Group / Individual	Action by:
Welland Residents Assoc	Bella
Welland School	Bella
Dogsthorpe Community Assoc	Chris
Ellie Burton	Cherry
City Collage	Adrian
New Ark	Bella
2x residents	Cherry via Ellie

Can do Communities have since met with the WRA at their monthly meeting, a pre-scheduled meeting to propose a health check with the resident association. A date for this has been agreed for 29 April 6.30-9pm

Contact for ward members:

- Adrian.miners@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 0788 9949702
Chris.ash@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: No daytime contact
Bella.saltmarsh@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 0770 1060731

Action required:

- all of above to be invited to Asset Transfer Workshop – as above
- CAN do communities to maintain direct contact with x3 Members to progress - Marvin/Graham
- CAN-do Communities to attend meeting of WRA and advise them of plan with option for them to be part of the community led steering group

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The Tunnel

In attendance: Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Cllr Forbes & Casey. Sharon Bellamy & Tracey Arnold, Marvin Symes and Graham

Acknowledged will and great enthusiasm to mobilise a community led management committee representative of the wider community

Currently no play managers working in the South area and therefore difficult to run and services limited. Building is though available for flexible room hire.

A small parish council is in the area but it was agreed this would be out of their remit/interest

Ward members' contacts:

Lisa.forbes@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07931 474580

Graham.casey@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07768 826967

Janet.goodwin@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07976 571180

Action required:

- Key contact Cllr Forbes
- CAN do communities to maintain direct contact with all Members to progress - Marvin/Graham
- Requested an overview papers to detail the options available to the group - Cate

Thistle Drive

In attendance: Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Cllrs Walsh & Rush

Acknowledge will to retain facility but not currently an obvious group to work with to form a management/steering committee

High demand for play provision in area but sessions limited due to service capacity

Unique offer of the building and land provides great opportunities to increase flexible user space and attract potential larger group commitment to secure future of centre via Inspire Peterborough.

Ward members contact:

Chris.harper@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07572 463898

Irene.walsh@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 01733 342748

Brian.rush@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 01733 348254

Marco.cereste@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: N/A

Action Required:

- Cllr Walsh to raise at Inspire Peterborough Board meeting
- Cllr Walsh to explore option for Little Miracles (respite for children with disabilities) to be an anchor tenant at the centre
- Cllrs Walsh & Rush to contact local groups to assess interest in involvement
- Cherry to check if electronic gym equipment is in full use
- Cate to pass on Cllrs contact details to CABN-do Communities
- Cllr Walsh key contact – Marvin to make follow up contact and arrange date for Asset transfer Workshop when clear who will be involved
- Meeting to be arranged with Pam Setterfield & Julie Rivett to explore Inspire’s involvement – Alison to arrange

The Spinney

In attendance: Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Alison Sunley, Cllr Murphy, Terry Barker & Chris Ballister.

There is keen interest from within the community to retain the facility. The Scouts who currently use the centre were in attendance at the meeting and keen to take a more active role in managing the centre. There are however concerns about a group with a single or faith agenda being the managing committee as the perception could be that the facility isn’t accessible for the wider community.

Residents of Ravensthorpe, led by Glennis Bentley have a keen interest in the building but the community group established to support the Big Local funding scheme are also keen to see the facility retained and this would seem the most viable option as significant investment would be needed to make the facility fit for purpose. Youth activities are popular at this venue.

Key contact: Cllr Ed Murphy

Ward Members contact:

Ed.murphy@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 01733 315565

Gul.nawaz@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07814 658443

Action required:

- Cllr Murphy to identify potential representatives to form a steering group
- CAN-do communities to maintain direct communications with key contacts to give independent advice on how to progress

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The Chestnuts

In attendance: Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Alison Sunley, Stuart Mathers, Cllrs Shabbir & Johnson, Marvin & Graham from CAN do Communities, two representatives from the Saxon Road Community Centre

Key contact is Stuart Mather, Chair of Eastgate Residents Association

Newly formed Residents Association keen to work in collaboration with existing Management Committee that run the Saxon Road Community Centre on Norman Road.

Ward Members Contacts

Nabil.shabbir@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 0779 1272095

Jo.johnson@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07826 287409

Marrion.todd@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 0793 5672687

Actions required:

- Residents Association next meeting is 19 April
- CAN-do to maintain direct communication with key contact to progress
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Crofts Corner

Discussions are already underway directly with Can Do Communities and Bretton Parish Council

Paston Farm

In attendance: Adrian Chapman, Cate Harding, Cherry Lester, Cllrs Day & Knowles and Kevin Tighe

Vivacity do not have the capacity to take on management of the centre in the timeline required. They can offer critical friend advice as a new steering group forms in relation to how best to develop and market the centre.

Cllr Day is Mobilizing a community led group (not yet currently formed) and Cllr Knowles is keen to involve the existing Creative Paston group. It is proposed that both groups would benefit from a health check with a view to identifying representatives from both that could the come together for the purpose of managing the centre.

Key contact: Cllr Sue Day

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Members Contacts:

Sue.day@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07702803737

John.knowles@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07572 463523

George.simons@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: N/A Mayoral duties

Actions Required:

- Forward Members contact details to CAN do Communities – Cate
- CAN-do Communities to maintain direct communication with Members to progress

Copeland Centre

In attendance: Cate Harding, Adrian Chapman, Cllr Michael Fletcher, Norman & Teresa Green

There is renewed interest from the Copeland Community Association for taking on the joint management of the play centre and the community centre. They have previously tried to have involvement in the play centre to provide more flexible space for community activities. It was agreed that this would be a preferable arrangement than for the Parish Council to take on as they are not as active in this section of Bretton.

Members contacts (one Member only for area):

Michael.fletcher@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 07850 109625

Actions required:

- Proposal to be taken to the next management committee meeting of Copeland Community Assoc on 22 April
- Subject to agreement to pursue, CAN do Communities to arrange Asset Transfer Workshop with group

General actions required – not centre specific

- Overview document detailing the options available for management/steering groups
- Expectations document for management/steering groups
- Clarify how the set up of a City-wide Asset Management Trust will be funded
- Clarify how groups will receive on-going support post Neighbourhoods restructure
- CAN-do Communities to meet with CAP regarding establishment of CIC to continue Play Provision across city. Stuart and Cherry to be involved
- CAN-do Communities to reformat Health Check document to support this programme. Now referred to as Asset Transfer Workshop. Neighbourhoods to contribute specific key bullet points to reflect Asset transfer Strategy
- Establish or identify existing Citywide Asset Managing Trust
- **Asset Transfer Strategy and action plan required to drive this work through to conclusion**

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