

We the undersigned wish to call an Extraordinary Full Council to decide on the following motion.

The RVS building in Pickering was built by the people of Pickering for use by the people of Pickering. The finances were raised by donations and fund raising. For technical reasons the building was given to the WRVS on the understanding it would be used by the people of Pickering.

Early in 2020 the RVS closed the building for community use and announced that they were going to sell. It is now on the open market at an asking price of £155,000.

As a community asset-

- It has adequate car parking.
- It is all on a single ground floor and therefore very usable in disability terms.
- It is on bus routes east/west and very close to north /south.

It is vital that this community asset is retained for use by the people of Pickering.

This council therefore resolves that:-

- 1) It will purchase the RVS centre for community use.
OR
- 2) It will facilitate the purchase of the building by others to ensure the continued community use.
OR
- 3) With partners, achieve either 1) or 2) so as to ensure continued community use.

Notes

- 1) The Asset of Community Value moratorium terminates on 31 January 2021.
- 2) There must be sufficient commitment by one or more community groups. This will ensure there is a tenant.

- 3) The community group(s) to be responsible for refurbishment and running repairs.
- 4) Any community group(s) must have a business plan that is acceptable to the council.
- 5) The community group(s) to be responsible for the management of the building.

Proposed:

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Seconded:

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