

Report of the Head of Resources

**PRESENTATION BY GLAMIS HALL FOR ALL**

**1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by Glamis Hall for All.
- 1.2 The presentation relates to the work this organisation carries out in the borough in support of the council's priorities.

**2 Executive summary**

None.

**3 Appendices**

Appendices:

- 1: minute of the council meeting on 9 December 2014 relating to Glamis Hall for All;
- 2: report by Glamis Hall for All

**4 Proposed action:**

- 4.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to note the presentation, and;**
- 4.2 The committee is invited to discuss issues relating to the work of Glamis Hall for All and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.**

**5 Background**

This presentation forms part of the general programme for the Partnerships and Performance Committee, reviewing the work of partners.

**6 Discussion**

- 6.1 The committee receives presentations from organisations who are either funded by the council, or who play an important part in the life of the borough.
- 6.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the organisation and its impact on the borough. After the presentation there is a chance to ask questions of the presenter.
- 6.3 If any items of significance arise, members may wish to request a further report from a relevant officer or make a recommendation for action by a policy committee.
- 6.4 The council agreed to a Community Asset Transfer of the Glamis Hall premises to the incorporated charity – Glamis Hall for All – on 9 December 2014 (minute

attached for information). The transfer is nearing completion now that both legal teams are reaching agreement on the wording of the documentation.

- 6.5 In addition a capital grant of up to £250,000 was approved to enable the charity to carry out improvements to the property. This could only be facilitated once the transfer had been completed.
- 6.6 Attached is a report from Glamis Hall for All, on which their presentation will be based. At the end of the report the organisation lists the means by which the council can assist them. A commentary on each of the points is outlined below:
- (a) Conclude the Asset Transfer process: the council is currently awaiting comments on documentation from the charity's solicitor. An update on this will be available at the meeting;
  - (b) Engage with East Northants to get the phone/broadband transferred: this in progress;
  - (c) Publicise our facilities via the website and have leaflets in Swanspool/ other appropriate places: agreed; leaflets should be sent to the Principal Community Support Manager;
  - (d) Put potential partners in touch: the Principal Community Support Manager and Heads of Service are already aware of this and will continue to promote Glamis Hall wherever possible;
  - (e) Advise us of any internal or external grant funding opportunities: the council no longer has a dedicated grants officer, but any relevant grant funding opportunities notified to the council will be forwarded by the Principal Community Support Manager;
  - (f) Continue to mow and mark up the football pitches/put the goals out: this is part of the service provided by Wellingborough Norse;
  - (g) Instruct Norse to direct potential pitch/changing room hires to us: Wellingborough Norse will be advised of this facility and asked to notify teams.

## **7 Legal powers**

The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. Whilst the council no longer has a designated overview and scrutiny committee, the Partnerships and Performance Committee has been given the role of reviewing and monitoring the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies. A local authority may invite persons other than members or officers of the authority to attend meetings of such a committee.

## **8 Financial and value for money implications**

There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective review is one of the means by which the council secures effective use of its resources.

## **9 Risk analysis**

A risk table is usually completed for any report setting out a proposed course of action that entails risks at the outset of the project or if the risks change along the way. This is not relevant in respect of this report.

**10 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities**

There are no direct implications arising directly from this report,.

**11 Author and contact officer**

Bridget Lawrence, Head of Resources.

**12 Consultees**

None.

**13 Background papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

## **Appendix 1**

COUNCIL MINUTE: 9 DECEMBER 2014

### **“ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the additional Resources Committee of 19 November 2014 were received.

Reference was made to minute 3 – Glamis Hall.  
(Councillor Partridge-Underwood left the room during the discussion on the item, having declared an interest.)

Councillor Henley proposed an amendment to the recommendation to add a further recommendation as follows:  
(viii) a revenue grant, of £25,000 per annum, be provided until 2018/19 on delivery of a satisfactory service level agreement.

This was seconded by Councillor Elliott.

A debate ensued regarding this proposed amendment. Some members supported this suggestion and others considered that an application could be made for funding under the grants for voluntary and community organisation scheme; such application would be dealt with along with any other applications.

Before the Mayor put the amendment to the vote, Councillor Maguire and seven other councillors requested a recorded vote under clause 3.1.16(d) of the constitution.

The following votes were cast on the amendment:

For: Councillors Ainge, Blackwell, Elliott, Emerson, Hawkes, Henley, Maguire, Scarborough and Watts (9).

Against: Councillors Allebone, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Carr, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Harrington, Higgins, Morrall, B Patel, M Patel, Pursglove, Raymond, Simmons, Timms, Ward, Warwick, M Waters and V Waters (21).

The amendment was declared lost.

Councillor Bell proposed that the motion be put and this was seconded by Councillor Graves.

Councillor Griffiths and a number of other councillors requested a recorded vote under 3.1.16(d) of the constitution.

The following votes were cast on the motion:

For: Councillors Ainge, Allebone, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Blackwell, Carr, Elliott, Emerson, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Harrington, Hawkes, Henley, Higgins, Maguire, Morrall, B Patel, M Patel, Pursglove, Raymond, Scarborough, Simmons, Timms, Ward, Warwick, M Waters, V Waters and Watts (30).

The motion was unanimously declared carried.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to:

- (i) the transfer of Glamis Hall and its contents, its car park and associated vehicles, to Glamis Hall for All on a date to be agreed once it has become a charitable incorporate organisation;
- (ii) the freehold be transferred at an undervalue;
- (iii) the negotiation of the actual terms of the transfer be delegated to the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader, taking into account the requirement to effect the transfer at a level significantly below market value;
- (iv) the capital programme be amended to include a grant of no more than £250,000 to Glamis Hall for All (once incorporated) specifically for the purpose of repairing and refurbishing the building and its car park;
- (v) reports for Glamis Hall for All, be received quarterly during the first year so that the council can satisfy itself that its investment continues to provide appropriate services for the local community, and that the organisation remains viable and therefore capable of delivering such services;
- (vi) Glamis Hall for all trustees, employees and contractors be given access to the building in order to start works (agreed in advance with the council) before the transfer is effected;
- (vii) Eligible employees based at Glamis Hall receive pension scheme benefits from their redundancy (and therefore their retirement) dates, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 26 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997.
- (viii) The adoption of the minutes of the additional Resources Committee of 19 November 2014.

The chairman extended the council's congratulations to Glamis Hall for All and wished them every success in the future with this new venture."

## **Appendix 2**

### **Report submitted by Glamis Hall for All**

#### **The objectives of the charity (as written by the Charity Commission!)**

To further or benefit the residents of the Borough of Wellingborough, without distinction of age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

#### **The kind of service you aim to deliver in future**

We aim to continue with our Lunch & VIP Club service and expand the use of the building for leisure activities. We would like to hire our changing rooms to local football teams.

#### **How much interest/demand you have for what you are currently doing**

We currently have over 130 Lunch/VIP Club clients on our books. We are now getting referrals from local healthcare professionals. We have had several one-off hall hires for meetings and parties.

#### **Our plans for the building itself (with the capital grant)**

We hope to:

- Erect a fence
- Replace the roof
- Install solar panels
- New windows and doors throughout
- New floor in the hall
- Re-plastering and re-decoration of the hall
- Install a removable indoor marquee/occasion flooring system
- Re-configure parts of the day centre side, i.e. the toilet/bathroom area and the old reception/store
- Add a false ceiling in the lounges to facilitate energy efficient lighting
- Add windows to the community room & remove all traces of the old changing room. Re-fit as a meeting/classroom
- Build a scooter and a smoking shelter
- New floor in the kitchen
- Render or otherwise clad external walls
- Replace shutters

#### **New initiatives**

Events:

- Craft Fair, held 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Family Festival, 25<sup>th</sup> July
- Indoor 'Boot Sale' September
- Christmas 'Wonderland Bazaar', 28<sup>th</sup> November

#### Initiatives:

- Employed one of the Community Organisers
- Taken over production of the Queensway newsletter, ReMARKable Queensway, securing funding for printing costs from NCC empowerment fund
- Martial Arts classes two evenings a week
- Bingo, Badminton & Church still active
- Football training once a week
- Youth Club 1 night a week and 1 night + 1 afternoon in school holidays

#### New Partners:

- Working with Support Wellingborough to provide benefit, debt and affordable warmth advice to our clients and the wider community
- Working with Weavers school to produce the ReMARKable Queensway newsletter
- Working with Infant and Junior schools on a project for Community Centre week, culminating in the Family Festival on the 25<sup>th</sup> July
- Hosting a group of Community Payback people once a week to refurbish the changing rooms

#### What the council can do to support you:

- Conclude the Asset Transfer process
- Engage with East Northants to get the phone/broadband transferred
- Publicise our facilities via the website & have leaflets in Swanspool/other appropriate places
- Put potential partners in touch
- Advise us of any internal or external grant funding opportunities
- Continue to mow & mark up the football pitches/put the goals out
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