

## **Pathfields Community Support – report to Council July 2023.**

During the Covid pandemic, Haslemere Town Council took on a licence for Fieldway community pavilion, which we refer to as Pathways. <https://haslemeretc.org/pathways-community-support/> Lead by Cllr Matthes, there has been a lot of work done (at minimal cost) to make the building usable and comfortable.

It has been used for a variety of services, including post-pandemic support and to help Ukrainian guests, but recently has not been well utilised, being used regularly twice a month by the Guildford job centre to support Ukrainian families in Haslemere.

Waverley Borough Council, who own the building, would like to know HTC's future plans for it. At present running costs are minimal, we cover Wi-Fi and some IT support costs totalling around £100 per month. If Waverley Borough Council want HTC to take on a long term lease for the building it would find itself liable for business rate costs circa £7,500 plus utility and maintenance bills – all of which are currently covered by Waverley. This would not be a viable option given the limited uses for the space, however Cllr Matthes would like the opportunity to speak with fellow councillors to see if they have any ideas for the centre's future use before any decision is made.

It is suggested that there is an open morning where councillors can come and see the space for themselves. The Clerk also needs to speak with Waverley BC to see what they hope to do with the space.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council does not take over a lease for the pavilion, given the costs involved, but that Cllr Matthes and the Town Clerk are delegated to make a decision regarding keeping it on current terms, if a decision has to be made before next Full Council.

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