

**Note of a meeting held on 17th May, 2022 at New Road Community Centre
in Earby, to discuss the possible future use of
Northolme Community Centre**

Present

*Cllr D. Whipp Pendle Borough Council
J. Myers Earby Town Council
A. Inman Earby Town Council*

Cllr Whipp explained the background to the community centre being built as a result of planning gain from the construction of White Leys Close, and its former lively use by residents of the Northolme area and Earby generally. He also reported on the meeting held with Together Housing (TH) in December 2021, where the housing association explained that they were reviewing their community centres and that the building was currently used for storage. He said that TH had indicated that they would consider a request for the building to transfer to a body wanting to operate it as a community centre.

Reference was made to the request from West Craven Committee for Earby Town Council (ETC) to consider contributing towards the running of the Community Centre. There was also a discussion about the Town Council taking the building on. Cllr Whipp outlined different ownership and operational models for such community buildings.

Cllr Inman explained that ETC had identified several individuals and groups who would be interested in using the building. Cllr Myers said that there would need to be a survey of the building prior to any transfer. Cllr Whipp said Pendle Council might be able to assist with funding any capital work required.

It was agreed that Cllr Whipp would report back to the area committee and that Cllrs Myers and Inman would get the issue discussed at ETC, with a view to getting a decision in principle about the town council taking responsibility for the community centre. If there was a positive decision, Pendle Council would ask TH to community asset transfer the property to ETC, subject to due diligence.