

**PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL****COMMUNITY CENTRES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting held at Priory Lane Community Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10:00am.**

Committee Members Present: Councillors D Bennett, H Crewe, A Rae, D Shaw, A Turner, and I Watkinson.

In attendance: Councillor G Crewe

Marie Curran, Town Manager  
Daniel Guise, Democratic Services Officer  
Aimee Walker, Administrative Assistant  
Representative of Whiteley Eaves Ltd, Robson Thornton

**25. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jim Patten and Robert Taylor. There were no substitutes.

**26. Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**27. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**28. Asbestos Refurbishment and Demolition Surveys at Priory Lane Community Centre**

The Town Manager presented the quotations sourced by Whiteley Eaves for asbestos surveys at Priory Lane Community Centre. She advised that the amounts did not exceed the threshold which would require the work to go out to tender, and confirmed that the spending would be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Committee was asked to choose a contractor to perform the survey.

Cllr Turner asked if government grants could be obtained for asbestos removal. Cllr Bennett noted that this was a reason for opting for a full refurbishment rather than piecemeal work, as it would be easier to obtain grants, and any asbestos removal would be included in this.

Cllr Rae asked if the Full Council would have to ratify the decision. The Town Manager confirmed that the Committee did not have delegated authority, so that would be necessary. Cllr Watkinson noted that the correspondence with one of the suppliers featured a headline amount, but indicated that a formal quote would be sent if the work was proceeding. He asked if there would be an opportunity to review the decision once the formal quote had been received. The Town Manager confirmed that the Full Council could choose to override a decision by the Committee, if there was anything unexpected in the formal document.

Cllr H Crewe proposed that Scope iT Asbestos Consultants be engaged to conduct an asbestos survey at Priory Lane Community Centre, subject to the provision of a formal quote and confirmation by the Full Council. Cllr A Rae seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: that Scope iT Asbestos Consultants be engaged to conduct an asbestos survey at Priory Lane Community Centre, subject to the provision of a formal quote and confirmation by the Full Council.

## 29. **Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) at Priory Lane Community Centre**

The Town Manager requested approval to proceed with an SBEM at Priory Lane in accordance with the fee proposal from Petit Singleton Associates, sourced by Whiteley Eaves.

Cllr Rae noted that the quotation would expire on 17<sup>th</sup> February, which would be before the Full Council had an opportunity to ratify any decision made. He proposed that the quote be approved, and that Whiteley Eaves be instructed to seek an extension to the validity of the quote beyond the date of the next Full Council meeting. Cllr Turner seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: i) that the quote be approved; and

ii) that Whiteley Eaves be instructed to seek an extension to the validity of the quote beyond the date of the next Full Council meeting.

## 30. **Penwortham Arts Centre Repairs**

The Town Manager advised the Committee that she was concerned about the ceiling at the Arts Centre, where cracks had formed and were steadily getting worse. She asked for approval to liaise with Whiteley Eaves to rectify the issues and report back to the Committee. She noted that any work would be funded by CIL money.

Cllr Turner noted that the cracks appeared to continue into the kitchen behind the bar. Cllr Watkinson noted that the asbestos work would need doing before any work on the ceiling. Cllr Bennett asked when the gutters had last been cleared. The Town Manager replied that this had been done the previous year.

Cllr Rae proposed that the Town Manager liaise with Whiteley Eaves to rectify the ceiling issues at the Arts Centre and report back to the Committee. Cllr Turner seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: that the Town Manager liaise with Whiteley Eaves to rectify the ceiling issues at the Arts Centre and report back to the Committee.

.....Chairman

(The meeting finished at 10:20am.)

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