E-Petition: Save the Community House in Redditch Petition Prayer

Number of signatures: 1,212 (as of 13th September 2022) Public representative presenting the petition: Mr N. Stote

"The Community House on Easemore road is Redditch is a vibrant and bustling centre used by a host of charities that support the wider community. Age Concern, Home Start, Bluwave, Redditch Common Neighbourhood Trust, Redditch Talking Newspaper and Bromsgrove and Redditch Network all are based at the community house. These charities are vital to the community with residents from not just Redditch but also Bromsgrove and other surrounding boroughs attending in their thousands every week. As well as the charities the Community House is also the home of Gemini Dance Studio which is a successful and long standing dance school having been teaching adults and children to dance in this venue for over 30 years. They too are an inclusive community with elderly, disabled and special educational needs dancers all taking part in classes run by the dedicated teachers.

The council leaders without consulting any of these groups have decided the building is 'surplus to requirements' and have declared the building be sold. The groups were not consulted and the local community have been completely disregarded. Closure and sale of this building will see a lifeline for many in the community cut as well as the loss of a thriving business that has fought hard to stay open during the pandemic and worked tirelessly to support many children.

Community House is more than a building and as a community we must show how much it is valued and needed. The councillors involved in this decision have shown nothing but contempt for the children and vulnerable people that depend on such buildings and their groups but they have the backing of the community and by signing and sharing this petition you are fighting for them to keep their hub and showing them that every member of the community is important!

Please sign and share to help Community House stay open and save a building that is an integral part of the community."