Motion 10(c) – Accepted Labour amendment

Motion to: Council

21 January 2025

Subject: Community Ownership

Proposer: Councillor Stonard

Seconder: Councillor Hampton

An amendment has been received from **Councillor Giles.**

Councillor Giles is amending the motion as follows:

> Inserting the following at the end of resolution 1). "**This will entail partnership working with Norfolk's VCSE infrastructure support organisations (Voluntary Norfolk, Norfolk Community Foundation and Community Action Norfolk) for signposting towards funding and recommendations for raising capital. This will involve linking up community groups with those groups who have previously been through the process for potential peer-to-peer support.**"

So that the revised motion becomes:-

Council notes the important role local assets play in thriving communities.

Understands that these venues can take various forms and can range from community centres and pubs to cinemas and music venues.

Further notes that over recent years the sad decline of the British high street paired with the UK's stunted economic growth has meant our communities are being hollowed out of the assets that we all find important, with many vital assets left empty and vacant, ultimately becoming an eye sore to local communities.

Welcomes the news of the UK Government's plans to introduce a Community Right to Buy and commitment to strengthen the powers available to communities including a first refusal on a wider range of assets of community value and doubling the time period for communities to raise finance to buy Assets of Community Value from six months to twelve.

Understands and celebrates the role that local people have played in saving and breathing new life into once forgotten venues, through schemes such as Assets of Community Value and commits to supporting further work to ensure these processes are as accessible as possible.

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This Council commits to supporting community groups interested in acquiring an asset with connections to local and national funders as well as infrastructure support, this includes working with organisations such as Plunkett UK and Power to Change.

Therefore, Norwich City Council **resolves** to work with Council officers to see how best it can:

1) Continue to protect community facilities where possible. This will entail partnership working with Norfolk's VCSE infrastructure support organisations (Voluntary Norfolk, Norfolk Community Foundation and Community Action Norfolk) for signposting towards funding and recommendations for raising capital. This will involve linking up community groups with those groups who have previously been through the process for potential peer-to-peer support.

2) Make it easier for people to apply for an Asset of Community Value (ACV)

3) Celebrate the success stories of ACVs in our community.