

Annex 5b: Agape Church Response

From: AGAPE Church, Risca
Sent: 10 December 2018
To: Communications Unit
Subject: Caerphilly conversation - Re consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Amongst other cost reductions announced in the draft budget is a proposal to close four community centres including Channel View Hall.

I am Agape Community Church Ty Sign Channel View Community Centre committee.

..... the charitable incorporated organisation seeking to develop a replacement centre on Ty Sign.

Channel View is the only local community centre and whilst it was not in great use under the previous committee we are seeing an increase in demand from new groups and from individuals.

As a church we would be unable to meet on Ty Sign which is , as our name suggests, the focus of our work.

At present Caerphilly are paying wages to a caretaker cleaner insurance and a few other annual costs. The present committee can easily fund these ongoing costs. No money is being spent on the exterior of the building so there are no further savings to Caerphilly and if it is closed there will be significant costs of demolition. The site includes the scout hut which I understand is on a lease which has about 10 years to run.

In the circumstances I would suggest that the hall be left open with current Caerphilly revenue costs being transferred to the Channel View Community Centre committee subject to the development of the new hall and that all remaining CCBC funds then be transferred to the CIO developing the new facility.

The CIO has made significant progress in pursuit of funding and development.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this email I would be happy to do so.