

Re: The Ebenezer and None Compliance with NLHF Guidance

Dave Metcalfe

Sat 06/03/2021 20:39

Dear Julie,

Again, thank you for your reply, and going onwards from my email yesterday.

We are glad to read that NLHF has expressed support for the building to remain for community benefit, this is excellent news.

We will be pressing WCBC on this and other issues such as our community's contribution / investment into the Article 4 Cefn Mawr Conservation Area at approximately £2M.

Therefore, to help us with this and back up our case, can we please have a copy of the NLHF Terms that WCBC did obtain the grant funding on.

This may help us secure the building for our community.

As for the purchase of the building, we suspect it may have been gifted, we will follow this up with the Land Registry etc.

We have written to WCBC reminding them that our bid still stands and that unless there is an improvement and willingness to work with us and our community, we will start seeking a Court Injunction on Monday at 1200.

We do not wish to argue with WCBC and only seek to work with them, but our community's economic recovery is being put at jeopardy unnecessarily by their present course of action and we do not have a great deal of choice in the matter.

Regards,

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Dear Julie,

Thank you for your helpful reply and it will be shared with our community.

Please be assured that we are seeking the building for our community and have offered WCBC £200K.

Therefore, WCBC do not have to gift us the building.

All we ask from WCBC is for them to be willing to work with us for the betterment of our community.

Regards,

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Dear Mr Metcalfe,

Thank you for your recent letter to Stephen Barlow (Head of Engagement). The letter has been passed to me for a response as I manage the part of the business process when an organisation has been awarded a grant.

We have been in discussions with Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the Cefn Mawr Townscape Heritage Initiative. The repair work to Ebenezer Chapel was delivered under the phase 1 of the townscape regeneration plan which was awarded a grant in 2006. This grant did not include a financial contribution to the purchase of the building. Application guidance, terms and conditions of grant and contract dates at that time were different to the 2015 guidance that your letter refers to. I can therefore confirm that grant contract has now expired.

Whilst we have expressed our support for the building to remain for community benefit the decision lies firmly in the gift of Wrexham County Borough Council.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Hughes

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I often send emails early in the morning or on the weekend. Please don't feel the need to read or respond outside of your normal office hours.

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Dear Mr Barlow,

As the NLHF Head of Engagement for Wales please see the attached regarding the Ebenezer in Cefn Mawr.

Your response would be appreciated and will be shared with our community who have been very dismayed by the recent article in Wrexham.com.

Wrexham.com 1st February 2021

Wrexham Council make another attempt to auction off Ebenezer Chapel

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/council-make-another-attempt-to-auction-off-ebenezer-chapel-in-cefn-mawr-201156.html>

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