

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 SEPTEMBER 2006
MINUTE EXTRACT

NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Farmer, seconded by Councillor Vincent:-

“Council notes with concern the closure of the Gilmorton Community rooms in Aylestone;

Council notes that these premises are the only council owned ones in the area and further that they are the only building suitable in that area for community development and support work;

Council notes that Council officers estimate the repair work needed to re-open the building to be at under £50,000;

Council therefore believes that to close a facility where the repair costs are minimal, representing a small proportion of the councils overall repair budgets;

and also to close a facility in area with higher than average levels of deprivation is a disgraceful one and is not in the best interest of local residents.

Recommends to Cabinet that:-

- (i) the Gilmorton Community rooms have the necessary repairs carried out to reopen the centre and that these repair works are funded by Corporate building repair funds;
- (ii) the Corporate Director of Adult and Community Services ensures that the repair works and opening of the centre happens as soon as possible;
- (iii) the Corporate Director brings forward plans to ensure that the Gilmorton Community rooms have a viable future.”

With the consent of Council, the Motion was altered to incorporate the provisions of an intended Amendment and also elements of a second Notice of Motion later on the Agenda, to have the effect of adding to the Notice of Motion the words:-

- “(iv) officers do not close any community centres, now in the future, without reporting to Cabinet and Scrutiny, seeking Cabinet’s endorsement of any closures and that the list of matters reserved to Cabinet in the Council’s Constitution be amended accordingly.

- (v) the Gilmorton Community Centre be re-opened as soon as possible to allow the continuation of community activities, including for local Councillors to hold their surgeries.”

The Lord Mayor put to the vote the Notice of Motion, as altered by the addition of two further recommendations (iv) and (v) to Cabinet and declared it carried.