

# COMMUNITY HALL SURVEY

TYPE OF HIRER/COMMUNITY MEMBER	RESPONSE
Regular Hirer	<p>As you know, I am a minor player at the Community Hall. The hall is exactly what I need for my dance classes, its the right size and well situated for my client base. The heating wasn't too much of a problem, as we are moving. I would be sorry to lose it as a venue. I am obviously not in a position to invest in any upgrade.</p> <p>I await the council's decision.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>Thank you for your email regarding the Teynham Community Hall. I run the Teynham Short Mat Bowls Club, twice a week. Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings. We have been going for over 30 years and it would be a blow if we had to relinquish this pastime in Teynham.</p> <p>Not sure if you have looked into obtaining a national lottery grant to help with the costs of repairs, and they help with Community issues. The heating definitely needs to be looked into, as it does get cold in there. Also, you may be able to apply for the new Queen Elizabeth 2nd charity which is for community projects/purposes. There are a couple of links I've been given... <a href="http://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk">tnlcommunityfund.org.uk</a>. AND <a href="http://queenelizabeth.org">queenelizabeth.org</a>... and funding for community buildings uk.</p> <p>We very much want to stay at the hall and will try to do what needs to be done.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>Lynsted with Teynham WI use the hall for their meeting once a month and have done for many years.</p> <p>We would be devastated for our members and the wider community if it was to close.</p> <p>The priority to make the hall more useful is to renew the heating with an energy efficient system. Which hopefully would receive a grant.</p>

	<p>It could be made more attractive with redecorating inside and out especially the entrance as this is where you get the first impression of the hall.</p> <p>We would support investment in the building.</p>
Community Member	<p>With regard to today's Facebook post regarding the future of the community hall, I would be interested to know if there was the possibility to repurpose it to a doctor's surgery. I assume that there is sufficient capacity at the alternative hall in Teynham to meet local demand for hall hire and therefore it would make great use of this space.</p>
Community Member	<p>I would like to put forward a suggestion for the Hall to be used for the older generation.</p> <p>We lost The Belle Friday Centre a good few years back.</p> <p>This was an absolute lifeline for older members of the community, my nan and her sister used to attend everyday!</p> <p>And when they had to move to the Faversham site it just wasn't the same for them.</p> <p>They would play cards, knit, make cards, even a storytime, sing and laugh, reminisce over old times as a lot of them grew up together.</p> <p>People would attend and give talks and flower demo's.</p> <p>There was a kitchen which provided a hot meal for them, for some this is the only time they receive a hot meal.</p> <p>Its good for the brain and stimulates them.</p> <p>Socialising is good for depression and creates confidence.</p>

	<p>I could go on &amp; on.</p> <p>But I do feel as Teynham is growing this is something that is desperately missing.</p>
Hirer	<p>The community hall is the better hall in my opinion as u can never get hold of the big hall or I've never been able to get it for wedding parties or christening and other family events got so many memories I've had this hall for my wedding baby showers funerals it would be such a shame to see it go</p>
Hirer	<p>Hi I believe this would be a very big loss to the village the other Hall is so expensive and hard to get for dates as it has a lot of long-standing customers that use it and will not move their times or dates for a one of event. in like the users of the community hall. we once hired the community Hall for a family wedding and had it all weekend from Friday to Sunday lunch to ease stress of clean up on the day of the wedding. i have since used hall for baby showers and the like.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>I'm just dropping you an email regarding the post about the community hall at Crossroads.</p> <p>We currently use the hall every Wednesday morning during term time for our Stay and Play group for babies through to preschool children (up to 5 years old). It is a very popular group for mums, dads, parents, carers and nannies to bring their young children to socialise, while also giving the adults an opportunity to socialise and support one another.</p> <p>It would be a real shame if the hall were to close, as we wouldn't be able to use the other hall due to storage needs and, personally, I feel it would be too large for the type of group we run. Our group is run by myself, Rowena and Tracy, and it has a lovely friendly atmosphere. The parents who attend are all very supportive and help with setting up and tidying away each week.</p> <p>I really feel it would be a loss to the community and to the children growing up in the village if the hall were to close. I would like to see the heating improvements carried out and the other issues continue to be monitored and addressed moving forward.</p>

	<p>One of the parents who attends the group has a friend who owns a plumbing and heating company, and he has said he would be happy to provide a quote. I'm not sure if that is something you would consider, but I can ask him to contact you directly if that would help. It may potentially be more cost-effective than the original quote received.</p> <p>I also attend the parish council coffee mornings when I can, and they are always very popular. I think the older generation who attend those sessions would really struggle if the hall closed, especially as they already miss it during the summer holiday closures. That is why it is now run throughout most of the year, apart from bank holidays.</p> <p>There are also several other groups who regularly use the hall, such as Friendly Faces, the WI and the bowlers. I wondered whether introducing a small annual storage fee for groups using cupboards or storage areas might help bring in a little extra income. Obviously this would affect our group too, but I just wanted to suggest it as another possible option.</p> <p>I also think the décor inside could perhaps be updated in the future to make it feel more modern and appealing to potential hirers — maybe with more neutral colours rather than the current purple and green. The outside could also do with a little freshening up, although I know work is already being done on that.</p> <p>These are just my views as a hirer of the hall for Stay and Play, but overall I really hope it can remain open, as it would be a real shame for the community to lose such a valuable space.</p>
Community Member	<p>With regard to today's Facebook post regarding the future of the community hall, I would be interested to know if there was the possibility to repurpose it to a doctor's surgery. I assume that there is sufficient capacity at the alternative hall in Teynham to meet local demand for hall hire and therefore it would make great use of this space.</p>

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### We would welcome your views

The Community Hall is at an important decision point.

The main heating system has failed and temporary heaters are currently being used. The hall currently operates at a financial loss and requires ongoing support from public funds.

The Parish Council is therefore reviewing the building and would like to hear from residents, hall users and local groups before any decisions are made.

### Current position

- Main heating system has failed
- Temporary heaters are being used
- Short-term repair options are also being explored to buy time while future decisions are considered
- Hall income is around £12,000 per year
- Running costs are around £20,000 per year
- The building is around 70 years old and requires further investment, including roof repairs in future years (potentially around £50,000 to £100,000)
- Use of the hall has reduced in recent years
- Further background information and a copy of the building survey are available on the Parish Council website:  
[teynhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://teynhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Options being considered

- **Option A — Invest in the hall** ✓  
*Replace the heating system and continue operating the hall, with a review period to assess future use and viability.*
- **Option B — Consider alternative approaches**  
*Explore whether short-term heating repairs or temporary solutions could help keep the hall operating while longer-term decisions are made, alongside options such as leasing the building, changing how it is managed or, if not viable, closing the hall or selling the building.*
- **No decision has been made**

### Have your say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? ✓ + 2
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? ✓
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? Sponsorship

Please send comments to the Parish Clerk by 12 June 2026.

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? ✓ x2
- What improvements would encourage more use? A
- Would you support investment in the building?
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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ception A x 2

Sponsorship x 2

**Do you** live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)?

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? YES
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? COFFEE MORNING WEEKLY

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? ✓
- What improvements would encourage more use? Decorating / Tarmac car park
- Would you support investment in the building? ✓
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)?

No

Sittingbourne

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

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- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? **YES**
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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**TEYNHAM**

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? ✓
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? NO
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

CAN THE HALL BE A CHARITY RATHER THAN GIVE MONEY TO OTHER CHARITIES

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

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- Do you currently use the hall? YES
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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YES, I DO USE THE HALL FOR SOCIAL EVENTS/CLUBS.  
I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE TOO MUCH CHANGE TO THE HALL AS I  
FEEL IT HAS A GREAT COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE. THE OTHER HALL IS  
LARGER BUT LACKS ATMOSPHERE. MOST OF US THAT GREW UP IN THE  
VILLAGE WOULD SUPPORT THE HALL STAYING, (IN MY VIEW)

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YES

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

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- Do you currently use the hall?
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building?
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Heating is a big problem  
Better management

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? *YES.*
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? *YES.*
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? *NOT SURE - DEPENDING ON WHO.*

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*Think heating should be repaired as soon as possible.  
More advertising.  
Better communication.*

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? *Yes*
- What improvements would encourage more use? *Heating definitely, but sorted now. Advertise the hall.*
- Would you support investment in the building? *Yes*
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? *Yes*

# Teynham Community Hall Review

## Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? YES
- What improvements would encourage more use? HEATING, NOTICEBOARD UPDATED
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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REGULAR FUNDS COULD BE RAISED BY HOLDING

- MONTHLY QUIZZES (MUSIC, TRIVIA)
- BOOT ~~AT~~ CRAFT FAIRS (PAY ON ENTRY)
- EVENING ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS
- MONTHLY BINGO NIGHTS (NORMAL, MUSIC BINGO)
- WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING (DROPPED CAFE)

BETTER ADVERTISING OF THE HALL GENERALLY

STORAGE FOR GROUPS - ASK FOR DONATIONS OR SMALL FEE

INCREASE CHARGE TO  
BOOK ~~A~~ ~~CHARGE~~  
~~ON THE~~

CAN PARKING BE IMPROVED  
BY USE OF SCHOOL OR  
VILLAGE HALL SPACES  
(WHEN NOTHING USE OF  
THERE) . ?

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? NO BUT TEYNHAM IS MY GO TO FOR MOST SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? YES
- What improvements would encourage more use? - BETTER, QUIETER HEATING SYSTEM.
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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ADVERTISE THE VARIOUS EVENTS ON PARISH NOTICEBOARDS  
→ DETAILS OF HIRE OF HALL. IN LARGE FORMAT

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? YES

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? ✓
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? —? depends
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? — see below.

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Use local builders to supply their labour for free.  
Hold local talent nights  
Any raffles held all proceeds go to the Hall instead of outside charities  
Raise prices for hire of hall

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? ✓

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

FRIENDLY FACES & DROP IN

- Do you currently use the hall? YES
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Raise money to help Club.  
Entrance fee  
Quiz Nights

Heating would help a great deal.

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? No

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? YES FRIENDLY FACES - 1 DROP IN
- What improvements would encourage more use? HEATING (IN COLDER WEATHER)
- Would you support investment in the building? YES
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? FUND RAISING, ADMISSION FEE

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Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? NO

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall?
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building?
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

YES - Friendly faces & Drop in cafe  
Heating  
YES  
Local business to the club.

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If organisations <sup>are not</sup> ~~are~~ allowed to charge an entrance fee, have a donation box by the door (with a suggestion of £3 per meeting)

Raffle to be donated wholly to the Hall Fund.

Ask for donations from the Rotary club, Masons, SBC Community Fund.

Advertise to hire the Hall for parties, etc.

Have drop-in every Friday

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)? NO

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- ✓ Do you currently use the hall?
  - What improvements would encourage more use?
- ✓ Would you support investment in the building?
  - Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Could the Friday meeting be every week.

Have a donation box at door.

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? *Yes Friendly Faces, Drop in*
- What improvements would encourage more use? *Heating*
- Would you support investment in the building?
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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*Fixed Entrance fee eg. £3.00*

*Raffle Prizes, more the better*

*Bingo*

*Building survey would be appropriate to decide what improvement are necessary.*

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? *yes*
- What improvements would encourage more use? *more activities*
- Would you support investment in the building? *yes*
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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*Local Fund Raising  
more Advertising ~~for those who are not online~~ for those who are not online*

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## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? *YES*
- What improvements would encourage more use? *HEATING*
- Would you support investment in the building? *YES*
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider? *DONT KNOW*

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Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)?

*LYNSTED*

## Teynham Community Hall Review

### Have Your Say

We would welcome your feedback:

- Do you currently use the hall? **YES**
- What improvements would encourage more use?
- Would you support investment in the building? - **Any fundraising activities I would try to attend**
- Are there other ideas or partnerships we should consider?

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Love this hall. It gives a lovely atmosphere. Have used it on many occasions.  
Could it be advertised more with cost of hiring etc not only on the internet but perhaps posted up inside and outside of the hall. Not everyone uses the internet.  
With regard to the coffee morning held every fortnight would it be an idea to have a donation pot to raise money to help with the upkeep/heating of the hall.

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Teynham.

# Additional Teynham Community Hall Feedback

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## Response via email

- Do you currently use the hall? If so, for what purpose?  
Yes, my son uses it weekly for the playgroup session.
  - What would make the hall more useful, comfortable or attractive to use? I think it's acceptable how it is.
  - Would you support investment in the building? Yes
  - Are there alternative uses, management models or partnerships we should consider?  
Brownies/rainbows, more toddler groups, a place for the elderly to meet up for tea and cake and chatter, for singing, to spend time? Craft groups?
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## Response via email

Hi, I currently use the hall on the following occasions:

Friendly Faces – this is a lovely lively and friendly group where you can meet up with friends and neighbours and become involved in various activities. They meet once a month on the first Monday of the month.

WI – our friendly WI group currently has 39 members who regularly meet up in the hall on the first Wednesday in the month. Again, it's an opportunity for like minded women to meet and enjoy various speakers & activities. The hall is just the right size for this meeting and is lovely and central in the village.

Community Café – As the parish council run this facility, they are very aware of how many people regularly attend this.

Bowls – I regularly use this club every Thursday afternoon and Friday evening. Once again, a different set of people but I've also made so many new friends and acquaintances.

On occasions I've hired the hall for our yearly (fairly large) family quiz.

I don't consider the hall to be in too much of a bad condition but it is obvious that work has been put in to decorate various parts. Perhaps consider having a working painting party? I'm sure there would be some very capable volunteers.

I would support further investment for the hall but, imminently, for the heating as we are coming into the time of the year when the hall doesn't need to be using so much heat and therefore not too much expense on the heating front.

Could I make a couple of suggestions?

Could a fundraising fund be started to help with the further investment needed (roofing) in 5 – 10 years time? Maybe some of the regular hirers could have a 'tin' at their meetings and spare change etc. could be dropped in. It's surprising how quickly these small coins add up.

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Maybe start charging storage to those groups who have this facility ie WI, Playgroup and the Bowls Club? I'm sure none of these groups would be averse to this. It doesn't have to be a lot but anything is better than nothing and all would add up in the 10 years.

Advertising for the hall is virtually non-existent around the village. Perhaps putting a flyer in all the notice boards advising what the hall could be used for i.e. children's parties, along with good clear information about the cost and who to contact for bookings.

I would hate to see the hall disappear after approx. 60 years.

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## Response by email

Dear parish council

I would like to say it would be a crying shame for the local residents of Teynham and the surrounding villages to lose our community Hall. We as a family have used the Hall a lot over the years. My Husband and I used it for our wedding reception 41 years ago and for our four children's christenings and a lot of their Birthday parties were held there even the big birthdays as adults have been held in the Hall. Then we have eight grandchildren that have had many parties etc in there too. Also, for the past Thirty-five plus years we have run a new year party for the local people that was started by my father-in-law Ron which we have continued. We have hosted some quiz nights, and football presentations there too. My husband and sons have done lots of discos in there for so many families too.

The Hall is the ideal size and has a more homely feel then the village hall in my opinion our first choice of the two Halls it is nice to hang decorations in on the wires and having a good stage for entertainment at different events too. It's a shame it isn't being used a lot at the moment but unfortunately, I believe that's due to the cost of living right now.

This hall has so much history it was used for the baby clinic when my children were little also the play group, mothers and toddlers' group. Teynham gardens hosted shows and events there, a youth club and many other groups too. I do hope it stays as a hall it would be sad to see it go or someone turn it into flats or something else.

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Response by email

Hello Hayley,

Having been informed that the Parish Council is looking at the future of the Community Hall, I would like to make the following comments:

The Parish Council in 2007 bought the Community Hall from the Labour Party being fully aware of the newly built village hall. It saw the merit of two halls in Teynham recognising the need that whether the community wished it or not Teynham would eventually expand. The Bowls Club was particularly concerned that the hall be retained as the new hall did not have any storage facilities for its equipment. The hall is

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much loved, and is ideal for small groups, parties, shows and meetings. Any drawback in the winter was the noisy heating system which hopefully can be rectified.

During the time 2007-2015 the Community Hall was only in deficit, as far as I can recall, on a couple of occasions whilst awaiting grant monies in connection with work carried out to the hall. The main funds of the PC were not affected. Money was collected from casual hirers prior to or on the day of the event and regular hirers were invoiced monthly. This allowed for any queries to be dealt with promptly. Whilst I appreciate it is difficult, personal contact with hirers did prove to be an asset as they tended to book a further function at the time they returned the key. However this is very labour intensive and your document is calling for less parish council involvement not more.

The 30% clawback payable to the Labour Party up to 2032 in your document should have been explained more clearly with examples given. Also is the Parish Council still paying back the loan from the Public Works Loan Board which would have to be settled from any sales price?

I would also ask why, when assets should be reviewed annually under the PC's financial regulations and audit requirements, that the hall has been allowed to be in deficit by £8,000?

I use the hall for the WI and for Drop In. Due to current mobility problems I am unable to attend bowls, Friendly Faces and to listen in at Parish Council Meetings. If asked to Vote, I would go for Option A in document Have Your Say which I believe is Option B in the Background Briefing Notes (ave your Say) with the following comments:

a) In view of climate change there should be a dual heating and air conditioning system installed at the hall. It can be very oppressive in the summer and as experience has shown it is very cold in the winter. The £38,000 quoted in your document for heating however seems to be an excessive amount for such work, as the current broken system cost in the region of £5,000. Dual heating/air conditioning systems can be obtained at a cost of £25,000 - £28,000 including fitting and VAT.

b) There is a room at the rear of the hall that is considerably underused. Attempts should be made to rent it out whilst the PC has no use for it.

c) The question of charging those Organisations with an annual fee that have storage at the hall should be looked into.

d) The hall should be publicised more and there should be leaflets available at the hall with hiring information. Several people have called into the hall for contact numbers etc and it would be easier to hand them a leaflet.

e) A list of Organisations and the days they use the hall should be on display.

I do feel that if the PC sells its hall or hands it over to another Organisation to manage, it would be a backward step. The PC would have no autonomy with regard to booking a hall for its own usage or joint use with Borough Council or developers; or using the back room as

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a Clerk's office should the need arise, or allowing the NHS to use the hall for vaccinations etc , etc.

It will have to pay fees for using another facility for meetings in relation to full Council and Committee Meetings.

It would not have a facility for holding community events such as the drop in and warm hub centre.

It would have to pay both the Public Works Loan Board for any loan outstanding (if applicable) plus clawback payable to the Labour Party.

I trust that the Parish Council will consider my comments as constructive and I feel sure that with an adequate heating/cooling system installed, the hall will be more attractive to hirers. Indeed it might encourage those Organisations that moved to come back.

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## Response via survey sheet

Do you currently use the hall?

Yes

Comments:

- Without a working heating/cooling system the hall will be unusable for several months each year. The temporary solution currently in place is totally inadequate.
- There have been numerous ideas for events at the hall, the problem is lack of community support. Maybe an indoor boot/old-fashioned jumble sale – no professional sellers, just local people.
- A regular quiz (evening) – once a month, maybe every 2 weeks.
- Bingo again once a month – afternoon or evening.
- Choir keep fit.
- Offer advertising space for local business – increase the size of the current boards and add some in the hallway.

Do you live in the Parish of Teynham (Teynham, Conyer, Deerton Street)?

Yes

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Also from facebook: sell building; use space for doctors